

Course Title : Advanced Research Methods I

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
COM 401	A	1	3	0	0	3.00	6
Lecturer and Office Hours			Sezai Rokaj, Prof. Dr				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			Albanian				
Course Level			Master				
Description			This course intends the application in practice of the knowledges gained in "Advanced Researching Methods" during the selection and classification of materials of a study or thesis. Problems faced during the preparation of thesis and the solution ways. It also intends practice of researching techniques and methods				
Objectives			Giving the information needed to master's and doctoral students about working systematics, selection and classification of materials in the preparation of a study or thesis. Techniques and research methods. The collection, classification and processing of data bases. Writing the thesis: introduction, headings, conclusions, bibliography, appendix, questionnaires etc.				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	Presentation of the course structure, bibliography and general concepts
2	Important elements for the preparation of the thesis and research projects
3	Different epistemological views on scientific research
4	Positivist epistemology in social sciences
5	Study Methods in positivist methodology
6	Structure of a scientific paper in social sciences
7	Conventional Epistemology
8	Midterm Exam
9	Intertextual role in a scientific paper
10	About the problem of bibliographic references in the scientific paper
11	About the construction of a questionnaire in the social sciences
12	Writing of research files at theoretical and developing work plan
13	Research ethics issues, plagiarism, quoting and original work report
14	General Discussion about the problems of research by students
15	Talking with groups of students about the way of a scientific paper construction
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	
Textbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce L. Berg (2004) Qualitative Research Methods For The Social Sciences, Pearson Education, Inc, Boston. • Christine Daymon ve Immy Holloway (2004) Qualitative Research Methods in Public Relations and Marketing Communications, Routledge, Neë York • Umberto Eko, Si bëhet një punim diplome, përkthim F.Lubonja
Other References	
Laboratory Work	

Computer Usage	Yes			
Other				
Learning Outcomes and Competences				
1	Student becomes familiar with the way of designing a scientific paper			
2	The student gets to know how to build the structure of a work in terms of the volume of parts within it			
3	Students become acquainted with the attitude that should keep to bibliography and citations within and at the end of the paper			
Course Evaluation Methods				
	In-term studies	Quantity	Percentage	
	Midterms	1	10	
	Quizzes	0	0	
	Projects	0	0	
	Term Projects	1	20	
	Laboratory	0	0	
	Attendance	0	0	
	Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade		30	
	Contribution of final examination to overall grade		70	
	Total		100	
ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload				
	Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
	Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	3	48
	Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	5	70
	Assignments	1	6	6
	Midterms	1	10	10
	Final examination	1	10	10
	Other	0	0	0
	Total Work Load			144
	Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5,76
	ECTS			6