

Course Name : Research Methods							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 401	A	Fall	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	6.00
Lecturer		Ada Güven, PhD					
Assistant							
Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Master					
Description		LAW 401 synon të paisë studentët, të cilët kanë njohuri në shkencat sociale, me aftësi për të kuptuar se si duhet ndërrmarë një kërkim në këtë fushë dhe cfarë përfshin kërkimi në shkencat sociale. Kursi është projektuar që të ekspozojë një informacion të përgjithshëm të metodave kërkimore që përdoren në kërkimin bashkëkohor social. Law 401 do të përgatisë studentët për të zhvilluar më tej aftësitë e tyre kërkuese nëpërmjet shqyrtimit të hollësishëm të koncepteve bazë dhe teknikave që përdoren në kërkimin shkencor në fushën sociale. Kursi si i tërë i dedikohet elementeve të kërkimit social të cilat përfshinë: formulimi i koncepteve dhe teorive; hartimi i pyetjeve kërkimore; mbledhja e të dhënave; analiza e të dhënave; rishikimi i literaturës; dhe shkrimi i konkluzioneve. Për më tepër, ne do të konsiderojmë përdorimin praktik të kërkimit në fushën e ligjit dhe do të shqyrtojmë etikën e kërkimit në fushën sociale. Qëllimi kryesor i kursit është që të përgatisë studentët, të cilët fillojnë karrierën në fushën e ligjit, me njohuritë bazë për të kryer kërkim shkencor për aspekte ligjore dhe jo ligjore. Gjatë zhvillimit të kursit do të analizohet një ese, me 2000 fjalë, dhe do t'i jepet përgjigje e detajuar pyetjeve të tilla si: • është ky një shëmbull i një eseje të zhvilluar mjaftueshëm në fushën e ligjit? • është ky një shëmbull i shkëlqyer për një ese në fushën e ligjit? Në fund të simestrit studentët do të jenë në gjendje të dallojnë burimet primare dhe burimet sekondare, të përdorin me efektivitet teknika të ndryshme të kërkimit, dhe të zhvillojnë më tej aftësitë për kërkim shkencor në fushën sociale. Kursi do t'i ndihmojë studentët në hartimin e propozimeve kërkimore duke synuar në përgatitjen e tyre për procesin e disertacionit.					
Objectives		The course is designed to achieve the following objectives: • First, to develop students' basic knowledge of how to conduct, in their capacity, a research. • Second, to develop in students effective techniques and strategies for research in the field of law. • Third, to develop in students the ability to judge how to choose and evaluate different research methods. • Fourth, have sufficient competence (a) to critically read a research essay (b) to critically evaluate scientific papers (c) to qualitatively evaluate papers in the field of law that are exposed in the media. Finally, develop in students the ability to work in teams during research.					
Core Concepts		1. Metoda Kërkimore 2. Kërkimi sasior 3. Kërkimi Cilësor 4. Pyetja Kërkimore 5. Hipoteza 6. Rishikimi i literaturës 7. Metoda IRAC 8. Referencat					
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Presentation of the Syllabi. Introduction to Research Method						
2	Social research methods. What are the two main types of research? An overview of science and research. The purpose of scientific research. Why is scientific research so important? Categories of scientific research. Essentials of Research Design and Methodology ff 1-15. Social Research Methods, ff 1-8.						
3	Research strategies. Qualitative and quantitative research. Some epistemological considerations. Ethics and politics in scientific research. Social Research Methods, ff 18-42, The Practise of Social Research ff 1-88						

4	Research design: Planning and designing a research. Importance of operational concepts. Design methods: experimental design, cross-sectional, time-lapse, case study and comparative design. Social Research Methods, ff 44-75. The Practice of Social Research ff 89-159. Essentials of Research Design and Methodology, ff 27-64.
5	Research design: Elements of research in the social sciences. Literature review, formulation of research questions, types of research questions, data collection and analysis. Interpretation of findings and drafting conclusions. Essentials of Research Design and Methodology, ff 95-123, 198-233.
6	Planning, formulating research question and literature review I Social Research Methods, ff 79-95. Mastery of Research, ff 40-76
7	Planning, research question formulation and literature review II Social Research Methods, ff 97-128. Mastery of Research, ff 40-76
8	Mid – Term Exam
9	Academic legal writing and case study. In many respects academic writing in the field of law is similar to academic writing in other disciplines. But, we will analyze some specific features only for academic writing in the field of law. Further, in this lecture we will address some models of academic papers in the field of law (academic papers with 2000 words) which have been selected as excellent, average and poor papers. Model analysis will make us understand the differences of an academic paper in the field of law that is excellent, average and weak. Materials for this lecture will be taken from Melbourne Law School: https://law.unimelb.edu.au/
10	Academic legal writing and case study. Some specific characteristics will be analyzed only for academic writing in the field of law and some models of academic works in the field of law (academic works with 2000 words) which have been selected as excellent, average and poor works. Model analysis will make us understand the differences of an academic paper in the field of law that is excellent, average and weak. Materials for this lecture will be taken from Melbourne Law School: https://law.unimelb.edu.au
11	How to read a scientific paper and how to use the internet wisely. The Practice of Social Research ff 506-521
12	Research in the field of law and research techniques in the field of law. Research in the field of law. Information is accessed at: http://www.csas.ed.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/66542/Legal_Research_Chynoweth_-_Salford_Uni..pdf
13	Internet search methods and ethical considerations when searching the Internet. Social Research Methods, ff 653-683.
14	Involvement of resources and how to guard against unintentional plagiarism. References (Chicago and OSCOLA) Mastery of Research, pp. 238-254.
15	Review of the realization of the course objectives
16	Final Exam

Prerequisites		The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.
Literature		• Eugene Volokh, Academic Legal Writing: Law Review Articles, Student Notes, Seminar Papers, and Getting on Law Review (4 edition, Foundation Press 2010) • Edward P. Bailey and Philip A. Powell, The Practical Writer with Readings (7th Edition, Thomson Wadsworth 2008) • Earl R. Babbie, The Practice of Social Research (12th Edition, Cengage Learning 2012) • Alan Bryman, Social Research Methods (4th Edition, OUP 2012)
References		• Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf> accessed 1 September 2015 • Geoffrey Marczyk, David De Matteo, and David Festinger. Essentials of Research Design and Methodology. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (2005). • Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams, Joseph Bizup, William T. Fitzgerald. Mjeshteria e Hulumtimit (si te shkruash thjesht dhe qarte). Perktheu Neritan Sejmini. Shtepia e Botimit Papirus (2016). • http://www.csas.ed.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/66542/Legal_Research_Chynoweth_-_Salford_Uni..pdf
Course Outcome		
1	The course aims to further develop students' knowledge and skills related to social research methods with a more focused focus on research in the field of law. Upon successful completion of the course the master students will be able to possess a comprehensive approach to the research process in the social field	
2	The course aims to further develop students' knowledge and skills related to social research methods with a more focused focus on research in the field of law. Upon successful completion of the course the master students will be able to possess advanced knowledge regarding research methods in the social field and more specifically for research in the field of law	
3	The course aims to further develop students' knowledge and skills related to social research methods with a more focused focus on law research. Upon successful completion of the course the master students will be able to clearly outline the research question and perform the literature review	
4	The course aims to further develop students' knowledge and skills related to social research methods with a more focused focus on research in the field of law. Upon successful completion of the course master students will be able to clearly distinguish quantitative and qualitative research methods	
5	The course aims to further develop students' knowledge and skills related to social research methods with a more focused focus on research in the field of law. Upon successful completion of the course the master students will be able to construct a research plan	
6	The course aims to further develop students' knowledge and skills related to social research methods with a more focused focus on research in the field of law. Upon successful completion of the course master students will be able to master the ways of using citations and the ability to write the dissertation	

Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies	Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms	1	40	
Quizzes	0	0	
Projects	0	0	
Term Projects	0	0	
Laboratory	0	0	
Class Participation	0	0	
Total in-term evaluation percent			40
Final exam percent			60
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	4	64
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	2	28
Duties	0	0	0
Midterms	1	20	20
Final Exam	1	30	30
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			142
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5.68
ECTS			6.00