

SUBJECT:	Research Design and Doctoral Writing		
HOURS:	18	ECTS:	3

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Course Description:	<p>In this course, students are expected to acquire the basic skills necessary for the designing of a research project and for concluding it with a written and defended PhD thesis. The course will guide the students through all stages of a research project: from the identification of a research question, through the choice of methods of inquiry till the finalization of research in the form of a research paper. The student will not only be introduced to the research process, but also asked to apply it by developing a draft research paper on a topic derived from the literature review.</p>		
Learning Outcomes (skills and knowledge):	<p>At the end of the course students are expected to draft a tentative research project, to understand the criteria for selection of a research method which would allow them to explain facts from a theoretical perspective.</p> <p>Students will learn about the reviewing checklist making them aware of demands scholarly publishers formulate with regard to submitted papers. They will go through the whole cycle of writing a research paper and learn the methods of improving the project with regard to the originality of the research and publishability of its results.</p>		
Course Content:	<p>Developing a Research Question: the Proper Use of Literature Review Developing a Theoretical Framework Indicating a Research Problem and Choosing a Research Method Constructing a Hypothetical Research Designs Identifying and Proposing a Research Method and Design Developing a Required Methodology Organizing the Research Process Applying the APA style to prepare the research paper Getting a Research Paper Published</p>		
Methods of Instruction:	<p>The course will apply a variety of methods: lectures, presentations, critical examination of published papers, seminar readings and discussions.</p>		
Assessment policy (examination):	<p>For the completion of the course students are expected to prepare a tentative outline of a research project with a proper justification of the research problem and an adequate choice of a research method.</p>		
References:	<p>Bordens, K., & Abbott, B. (2005). <i>Research designs and methods: A process approach</i> (6th ed.). Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill Higher Education. Creswell, J. W. (2009) <i>Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches</i> (3rd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.</p>		

	<p>Dunleavy, P.(2003) <i>Authoring a PH.D. Thesis</i>, Palgrave.</p> <p>Huff, A.S.(1999)<i>Writing fro Scholarly Publication</i>, Sage, London.</p> <p>O’Leary Z.(2004)<i>The Essential Guide to Doing Research</i>, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.</p>
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