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Course Unit Program
SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS AND TECHNIQUES (M6203)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:

Practical classes:

Theoretical-Practical Classes 15,00

Tutorial Guidance: 20,00

9. ECTS Credits

7,50

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora INÊS CASQUILHO DUARTE MARTINS

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Stimulate a critical understanding of a set of theoretical and methodological procedures that underpin the social research process.

Develop the production of innovative ideas with social research potential and strengthen the mastery of the most appropriate procedures to adopt in the knowledge construction process.

Promote a culture of peer reflection on the complexity of social phenomena and the process of scientific production.

15. Specific Objectives

Identify the key elements that structure research design.

Problematize the ethical and deontological dilemmas facing the social research process.

Identify and design a methodological strategy to develop a social research, from defining the problem to writing the research project.

To enable students to write a research project in social work.

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to plan research by drawing up a work plan aimed at designing the research project.

Ability to select and use different social research methods and techniques applied to the study of different social problems.

Ability to construct fundamental conceptual and operative tools for the design of a research project in social work.



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17. Teaching Methodology

The teaching will be done through the expositive presentation of the main theoretical contents of the discipline, complemented with training of the main stages of the research process. The development of skills and the ability to use different types of methodological strategies will be supported, whenever possible, by empirical experiences in the area of Social Work. Each student will have the opportunity to develop and present a research project proposal.

18. Course Unit Program

- 1 - Introduction to social research methodology: contributions to the production of knowledge in Social Work
 - 1.1 - The research design - structuring elements: formulation of the problem and definition of objectives. questions, propositions, methodological strategies, paradigms, techniques for data collection and processing
 - 1.2 - The research plan: structure and organization of the work plan
 - 1.3 - The ethics of research
- 2 - Contemporary methodological debates and methodological strategies in social research
 - 2.1 - Research objectives and methodological strategies
 - 2.2 - Quantitative research methods and techniques
 - 2.3 - Qualitative research methods and techniques
 - 2.4 - Ethnographic methods
 - 2.5 - Action Research
 - 2.6 - Mixed methods and data triangulation
- 3 - The research process: Guidelines for the preparation of the social research project
 - 3.1 - Stages of the research process
 - 3.2 - Operationalization of methods and techniques of social research
 - 3.3 - The conception of a research project
 - 3.4 - Presentation and writing of a research project

19. Assessment Methods

Preparation of an individual final work consisting of the preparation of a pre-project of research for a master's thesis.

20. Didactic Resources

Computer
Projector
Powerpoint presentations
Documentation and bibliography recommended by the teacher

21. Sustainability Objectives



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SGD 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

SDG 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

SGD 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

22. Keywords

Research Design

Social Research

Research Methodology



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): José Vilelas
Title: Investigação - O Processo de Construção do Conhecimento
Edition: 3.^a Edição Year: 2020
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Sílabo

Author(s): Clara Coutinho
Title: Metodologia de Investigação em Ciências Sociais e Humanas
Edition: 2.^a Edição Year: 2018
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina

Author(s): Uwe Flick
Title: Métodos qualitativos na investigação científica
Edition: 1.^a Edição Year: 2005
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Monitor

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Felipa Lopes dos Reis
Title: Investigação Científica e Trabalhos Académicos - Guia Prático
Edition: 1.^a Edição Year: 2018
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Sílabo

Author(s): Allen Rubin e Earl R. Babbie
Title: Research Methods for Social Work
Edition: 7.^a Edição Year: 2011
Local: Belmont, CA
Publisher: Brooks-Cole - CENGAGE Learning



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