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Course Unit Program
Advanced Research Methods in Social Work

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

Advanced Research Methods in Social Work (M6307)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd 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 CRISTINA MARIA RAMOS COELHO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

-Know how to define and substantiate their epistemological and methodological positions within the social and human sciences as researchers in Social Work and related areas

-Consolidate and deepen mastery of data generation and analysis methods and techniques

-Know how to choose and justify your methodological options

-Know how to apply the methods

15. Specific Objectives

-Know how to design a coherent and well-founded research project in terms of epistemological, methodological and ethical positions.

-Know how to demonstrate ethical and microethical sensitivity when designing and piloting a research project.

-Know how to constitute and deploy research methods into ?means of study? and ?objects of study?

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16. Skills to be acquired

-Know how to use Zotero

-Know how to use MaxQDA

-Know how to use ELAN

-Know how to use SPSS

-Reflective practice of research methodologies, through self-description of the knowledge of action mobilized and incorporated into their methodological practices (methodography).

17. Teaching Methodology

Curricular Unit taught tending to be a seminar, based on an interlocutory dynamic that enhances the articulation of teaching with the students' dissertation projects. Expository methodology, reinforced by application exercises, which train students in using the software.

18. Course Unit Program

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1) Research in Social Work and related areas: epistemological, methodological and ethical-political positions
\--1.1) The Defense of theoretical-methodological Pluralism in Social Work research: Read and listen to Ann Hartman
\--1.2) Scientificization and professionalization in Social Work: a double ethical-political process at the service of social and human intervention
\--1.3) Scientism and social domination
\--1.4) Critical theories and epistemologies of social emancipation (Brown & Strega, 2005)

2) Bibliographic research
\--2.1) The creation of a supporting bibliography as a scientifically crucial research activity
\--2.2) Using Zotero: advantages and features

3) Qualitative research
\--3.1) Qualitative research as a scientific paradigm: the logic of heuristic discovery
\----3.1.1) Epistemology of description: there are no ?simple descriptions?
\----3.1.2) First-person epistemology: a descriptive and comprehensive science of subjective life
\----3.1.3) Case studies
\------3.1.3.3) Case studies and data generation methods: interviews, ethnographic (field) observations and documentary studies
\--3.2) The interview(s): advanced methodologies for generating and analyzing data through interview practices
\----3.2.1) Identification and description of 14 interview methods
\----3.2.2) Use of MaxQDA and piloting analyzes by Human Intelligence (and not [yet?] by Artificial Intelligence)
\----3.2.3) Auxiliary theories for the analysis of discursive content generated by interviews
\--3.3) Field observation practices: valuing ?naturalistic data? (Potter & Shaw, 2018)
\----3.3.1) Ethnographic research
\------3.3.1.1) What counts as ?data or document? in the history of ethnography?
\------3.3.1.5) Visual ethnography
\------3.3.1.6) Ethnographic cinema
\----3.3.2) Studies of corpora of audio or video recordings
\------3.3.2.1) Recording as a ?micro-field of observation?: micro-ethnography (or conversation analysis)
\------3.3.2.2) Use of ELAN: assist in the annotation, transcription and analysis of situated (inter)action behaviors
\------3.3.2.3) Auxiliary theories of multimodal analysis
\--3.4) Documentary studies
\----3.4.1) Observation and analysis of the place of scriptural practices in the processes of social construction of «reality»
\--3.5) Netnography: observing, recording and analyzing content published on the internet and digital social networks

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4) Quantitative research
\--4.1) Postulates and premises of questionnaire surveys and the standardization of their application
\--4.2) The logic of hypothesis verification: deductive method
\--4.3) Operationalize concepts with a view to translating them into dimensions and empirical indicators
\--4.4) Writing the questionnaire
\--4.5) Sampling techniques
\--4.6) Application of the questionnaire
\----4.6.1) Practices prescribed in manuals v/s Real practices of inquirers: methodographic studies
\----4.6.2) Online questionnaires
\--4.7) Using SPSS
\----4.7.1) Construction of the database
\----4.7.2) Statistical analyzes
\------4.7.2.1) Generate and read tables
\------4.7.2.2) View data and results (graphical representations)

5) Writing and scientific production
\--5.1) Writing as a driver of analytical work
\--5.2) Some rules and tips

6) Two epistemological questions, by way of conclusion
\--6.1) « Respondents » or « inquirers »?
\--6.2) Validation of results in and through professional practices in research in Social Work and related scientific-professional areas

19. Assessment Methods

-A written work on the application of knowledge, using one of the software presented in class;
-An oral presentation of a research article, focusing on methodology.

20. Didactic Resources

-Software (Zotero, MaxQDA, ELAN and SPSS)
-Bibliographic database (accessible and searchable online)
-Prezi Presentations

21. Sustainability Objectives

Research in Social Work allows you to contribute to several SDGs, which gives relevance to this UC.

22. Keywords

Methodology
Qualitative Research
Interview
Quantitative Research

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Title:	La recherche en travail social		
Edition:		Year:	1989
Local:	Paris		
Publisher:	Centurion		

Author(s):	Rullac, S.		
Title:	La science du travail social : Hypothèses et perspectives		
Edition:		Year:	2012
Local:	Paris		
Publisher:	ESF		

Author(s):	Shaw, I.		
Title:	Social Work Science		
Edition:		Year:	2016
Local:	New York		
Publisher:	Columbia University Press		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Shaw, I. & Gould, N.		
Title:	Qualitative Research in Social Work		
Edition:		Year:	2001
Local:	London		
Publisher:	SAGE		

Author(s):	Cicourel, A.		
Title:	Method and Measurement in Sociology		
Edition:		Year:	1964
Local:	New York		
Publisher:	Free Press		

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