

Psychosocial Research and Knowledge

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

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Prerequisites

In addition to having completed the obligatory subject *Social Psychology* (comprising of the courses *Social Influence and Groups* and *Social Psychology of the Contemporary World*) it is recommended to have studied, previously or simultaneously, the following optional courses: *Observation techniques*, *Management techniques of the information*, *Social psychology for Analysis and Intervention* and *Applied Social Psychology*.

Objectives and Contextualisation

a) Contextualization

Research and Psychosocial Knowledge is a subject that aims to introduce the student to the field of research, both from a theoretical and a practical point of view. The purpose is familiarization with the research process through a reflexive and analytical process, critically examining other people's research, but above all through the practice of research, becoming involved and becoming a promoter of an investigation.

In order to meet these two goals, the subject is aimed at: a) problematising social issues in a fundamental way and assuming the ethical and political dimensions intrinsic to any research process; b) designing, planning, and dealing with the selection of the topic, the definition of the problem and the question for investigation; c) formulating research objectives; d) developing a theoretical framework that configures the basis and contributes to the justification of the investigation; e) performing observations, building and conducting individual and group interviews; f) using strategies for selection and access to informants; g) performing categorical content analysis; h) structuring and writing research reports and evaluating the research carried out and being able to evaluate other research.

b) Objectives

1. We Begin with the processes of problematization of psychosocial questions and the design and realization

of psychosocial investigations.

2. Learn how to build instruments for the analysis of social relationships, looking in depth at the practical and functional aspects of each method and technique studied.
3. Acquire, based on reflection and practice, criteria that allow an evaluation of the relevance of using methods and techniques in both own and third-party investigations.
4. Develop projects and develop research.

Competences

- Analyse the demands and needs of people, groups and organisations in different contexts.
- Apply techniques to collect and produce information about the functioning of individuals, groups and organisations in context.
- Criticise the effects of personal practice on people, taking into account the complexity of human diversity.
- Develop strategies for autonomous learning.
- Evaluate, contrast and take decision on the choice of adequate methods and instruments for each situation and evaluation context.
- Generate innovative and competitive proposals in research and professional activity.
- Maintain a favourable attitude towards the permanent updating through critical evaluation of scientific documentation, taking into account its origin, situating it in an epistemological framework and identifying and contrasting its contributions in relation to the available disciplinary knowledge.
- Prepare and write technical reports on the results of the evaluation, research or services requested.
- Recognise the epistemological foundations of the different research methods in psychology, their functions, characteristics and limitations.
- Recognise the social dimension of human beings, considering historical and sociocultural factors involved in shaping human psychology.
- Take decisions in a critical manner about the different research methods in psychology, their application and the interpretation of the results deriving from them.
- Use different ICTs for different purposes.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse the demands of social movements from a government perspective.
2. Apply specific investigative techniques psychosocial phenomena.
3. Argue the relevance of decisions under the issues studied.
4. Assess the limitations of the theoretical perspectives in the analysis of contemporary social phenomena.
5. Assess the relevance of the links between theory and method.
6. Assessing the adequacy of the different research methods to study specific phenomena.
7. Communicate with rigor and documentary support.
8. Contrast social needs with institutional responses to them.
9. Criticise the effects of personal practice on people, taking into account the complexity of human diversity.
10. Describe the processes involved in social interaction.
11. Develop strategies for autonomous learning.
12. Frame and draw conclusions about the epistemology involved in the choice of each method.
13. Generate innovative and competitive proposals in research and professional activity.
14. Give solid arguments for the different components and sections that make up a research report.
15. Identify current psychosocial research methods.
16. Identify the demands of collective movements.
17. Identify the epistemological principles of contemporary psychosocial theories.
18. Identify the main methods and techniques of social research.
19. Identify theoretical concepts that have greater explanatory power for specific social phenomena.
20. Maintain a favourable attitude towards the permanent updating through critical evaluation of scientific documentation, taking into account its origin, situating it in an epistemological framework and identifying and contrasting its contributions in relation to the available disciplinary knowledge.
21. Outline research proposals arising from the major theoretical perspectives in analysis and social intervention.

22. Relate current psychosocial concepts to contemporary social phenomena.
23. Structure, organize and provide written results taking into account areas, contexts and readers.
24. Theoretically translate specific research results.
25. Translate research questions to methodological designs.
26. Use different ICTs for different purposes.

Content

1. Research in social psychology and the construction of knowledge.
2. The design of the investigation: the planning and the procedures of the investigation process.
3. Overview of qualitative research methods: phenomenological method, hermeneutical method, ethnographic method, method of investigation-action, method of life histories and linguistic method.
4. Data construction devices: observation, individual and group interviews.
5. Strategies for selection and access to informants.
6. The data analysis device: categorized content analysis.
7. The research report: structure and writing.
8. The evaluation of the investigation.

Methodology

Teaching methodology

- Theoretical-practical study seminars in which the teacher, together with the students, develop theoretical and practical elements of the subject.
- Seminars for critical discussion about the analysis of psychosocial phenomena in which research materials will be presented and analyzed.
- Tutorials: supervision and advice on activities.

Training activities

- Reading articles and reports to encourage comprehensive reading.
- Drafting of individual reports: reviews and essays based on a guide for carrying out and preparing a research diary.
- Writing of work in groups: theoretical, methodological and practical analysis based on a guide for its realization.
- Study: preparation of outlines and conceptual maps.
- Conducting interviews
- Making observations
- Design of an investigation: practice of psychosocial research.
- Participation in virtual forums: discussion and reflection on issues related to the research process.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
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Type: Directed

1. Seminars of theoretical-practical study	20	0.8	1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 21, 15, 17, 16, 19, 22, 25, 6, 4
2. Seminars of critical discussion on the analysis of psychosocial phenomena	18	0.72	1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 12, 21, 15, 17, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 6, 4
Type: Supervised			
2. Participation in virtual forums	8.5	0.34	2, 10, 11, 21, 13, 15, 18, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 24, 26, 6, 4
Tutorials	8	0.32	2, 14, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 21, 23, 13, 15, 18, 17, 20, 25, 24, 6, 4
Type: Autonomous			
1. Research design (group work)	37	1.48	1, 2, 14, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 23, 13, 15, 18, 17, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 24, 26, 6, 4
2. Writing individual reports	13.5	0.54	2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 23, 15, 18, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 24, 6, 4
3. Readings of articles and papers	20	0.8	10, 11, 21, 17, 19, 20, 22, 4
4. Study	25	1	2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 21, 15, 18, 17, 19, 22, 25, 24, 6, 4

Assessment

a) Conditions for assessment.

It is imperative that the student:

1. Develop, individually, the report of an observation (includes a field diary)
2. Participate actively in the seminars for conducting interviews.
3. Conduct an individual interview in the classroom or outside the classroom. The choice will depend exclusively on each student. If the interview is conducted outside the classroom, the maximum that can be obtained as a final grade will be 8.5.
4. Submit the report corresponding to the group design of an investigation.
5. Participate in virtual forums.

The final grade will be the sum of the weighted results of assessments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

A student who has submitted a learning assessment (one or more) with a weight equal to or greater than 4 points (40%) cannot be designated in the final results as "non-assessable".

b) Submissions / accomplishment of assessments:

EV1: week 8/9 - week 15

Ev2: 2nd evaluation period

Ev3: week 8/9

Ev4: week 11 - week 15

c) Re-assessment

Students who have obtained a grade of less than 5 points and more than or equal to 3.5 points may opt for re-assessment. Resits will consist of an open question exam that will be focused on learning assessments in

which satisfactory performance has not been shown. The maximum final grade that can be obtained in the subject through re-assessment is 5.

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Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Ev. 1: Interview and participation in the interviews seminars	30	0	0	1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 21, 15, 17, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 6, 4
Ev. 2: Research design (group work)	30	0	0	2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 15, 18, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 24, 6, 4
Ev. 3: Individual report of carrying out an observation (includes field journal)	30	0	0	1, 2, 14, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 23, 13, 15, 18, 17, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 24, 26, 6, 4
Ev. 4: Participation in virtual forums	10	0	0	2, 10, 11, 21, 13, 15, 18, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 24, 26, 6, 4

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