

FACOLTÀ	Scienze Politiche
ANNO ACCADEMICO	2013/2014
CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE_LM63 interateneo	SVILUPPO SOSTENIBILE DELLE ORGANIZZAZIONI PUBBLICHE E PRIVATE Descrizione Curriculum: MANAGING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS
INSEGNAMENTO	Research Methodology
TIPO DI ATTIVITÀ	caratterizzante
AMBITO DISCIPLINARE	giuridico
CODICE INSEGNAMENTO	14139
ARTICOLAZIONE IN MODULI	no
NUMERO MODULI	
SETTORI SCIENTIFICO DISCIPLINARI	Ius/09
DOCENTE RESPONSABILE	Inge Bleijenbergh Università di Njmegen
CFU	6
NUMERO DI ORE RISERVATE ALLO STUDIO PERSONALE	108
NUMERO DI ORE RISERVATE ALLE ATTIVITÀ DIDATTICHE ASSISTITE	42
PROPEDEUTICITÀ	Materie del primo anno
ANNO DI CORSO	II
SEDE DI SVOLGIMENTO DELLE LEZIONI	Università estera
ORGANIZZAZIONE DELLA DIDATTICA	Lezioni frontali, Esercitazioni in aula, Esercitazioni in aula informatica, redazione di un progetto
MODALITÀ DI FREQUENZA	Obbligatoria
METODI DI VALUTAZIONE	Prova Scritta, Presentazione di un progetto
TIPO DI VALUTAZIONE	Voto in trentesimi
PERIODO DELLE LEZIONI	Primo semestre
CALENDARIO DELLE ATTIVITÀ DIDATTICHE	Vedi sito università
ORARIO DI RICEVIMENTO DEGLI STUDENTI	Vedi sito università

1. Course Description

Research Methodology Level: graduate; 6 ECTS points. The course is conducted entirely in English

2. Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Students know the advanced elements of high quality scientific research as well as the elements of a sound research proposal.

Applying knowledge and understanding

Students are able to conduct scientific research studies and to write research proposals.

Making judgements

Students should be able to differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate research methods.

Communication

Students will be able to communicate the outcomes and the methodology of their studies to the academic and non-academic world.

Learning skills

Students can themselves acquire knowledge about complementary research methods.

3. Course Content

- ^ What is science, what is scientific research?
- ^ Major components of scientific research projects
- ^ Prototypical research projects
- ^ Thesis writing
- ^ Data collection and data analysis
- ^ Formulating a research proposal
- ^ Some exemplary empirical research methods
- ^ Literature reviews
- ^ Working with data bases and literature collections
- ^ Ethical aspects of research

4. Course Design

The course is comprised of lectures and students' presentations. An 80% attendance rate in sessions is required; students have to engage actively in class discussions and in project work. Assessment is carried out by means of a written report that is at the same time their thesis proposal.

5. Students' evaluation

An ECTS grade is provided to the student at the end of the course according to the A—F scale. Students not successfully fulfilling all the course requirements within the regular time frame have the option of a re-sit once the following semester.

6. Course Admission Requirements

Admission to the course requires previous and regular enrolment in the European Master of System Dynamics programme (i.e., having completed the first semester in Bergen and the second semester in Lund or Palermo) or a completed Bachelor programme in Business Administration from Radboud University plus the bachelor elective "Foundations of system dynamics".

7. Literature

Babbie, Earl: The Practice of Social Research, 12th Edition, 2010.

Bailey, Stephen: Academic Writing – A Handbook for International Students, 3rd edition, 2011.

8. Further Information

Course Schedule

Week	Topic
1.	Introduction to the course (logistics)
2.	Introduction to the scientific process
3.	Thesis writing (overview)
4.	Literature research and data bases
5.	Formulating a research proposal
6.	Discussion of students' proposal
7.	Discussion of students' proposal
8.	Discussion of students' proposal
9.	Discussion of students' proposal
10.	Discussion of students' proposal
11.	Discussion of students' proposal
12.	Discussion of students' proposal
13.	Discussion of students' proposal
14.	Discussion of students' proposal

One lecture per week plus tutorials is envisioned