

(international) institutions.

L06: can formulate a valid scientific research question on a topic that relates to the social sciences.

L07: can identify, gather and critically process the relevant sources and literature on a specific social sciences research topic.

L08: knows how to set up a scientific and methodologically correct research design.

L09: possesses the methodological knowledge and skills of data selection and data processing that prevail within the domains of the social sciences.

L010: masters the techniques of good and accurate research reporting in oral and written form.

L011: has an investigative, problem-oriented and critical attitude towards social, political and media-related phenomena and scientific research results with regard thereof.

L012: recognises the multilayered and complex character of social, political and media-related facts and phenomena.

L013: reflects and evaluates his or her learning process and results critically.

L014: acts in a professional and responsible manner.

L015: is able to perform teamwork, he or she possesses good communicative skills and is solution-oriented.

L016: prioritises scientific integrity and honesty in his or her scientific research activities.

Demonstrate insight in the ontological and epistemological foundations of social science research methodology, in political science, communication science, and sociology in a European context.

Acquire knowledge on the key methods in social science, their dynamics, and applications, as well as how they connect to specific research questions in political science, communication science, and sociology.

Being able to develop a research plan in political science, communication science, and sociology, while critically assess its strengths, limitations and ethics with regards to the initial research question.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lecture
- Group work/problem or case oriented work
- Individual assignment
- Oral student presentations reporting research progress
- Introductory face to face class room methods
- Feedback, feed up en feed forward sessions

Learning materials and price

Handbook (Required) : Social sciences research: principles, methods and practices, Anol Bhattacharjee, University of South Florida Open access collections, 9781475146127, 2012

References

- Sayer, A. (2010). Method in social science: a realist approach. Routledge: London.
- Field, A. (2012). How to design and report experiments. London: Sage.
- Atkinson, P. (2001). Handbook of ethnography. Los Angeles: Sage.
- Scott, G. & Garner, R. (2013). Doing Qualitative Research: designs, methods, and techniques. Upper Saddle River: Pearson.

Course content-related study coaching

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

- Formative assessment:
 - o Oral feed back, feed up and feed forward follow-up sessions
 - o Co- and peer-assessment
- Summative assessment: written evaluation (open and closed questions)

Calculation of the examination mark

written evaluation (scale from 0 to 20) (100%)