



QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

Enrollment year	2020/2021
Academic year	2020/2021
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	SPS/07 (GENERAL SOCIOLOGY)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
Course	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (28/09/2020 - 22/12/2020)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	44 lesson hours
Language	Italian
Activity type	WRITTEN AND ORAL TEST
Teacher	ANZIVINO MONIA (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	No one
Learning outcomes	<p>The course offers to the students a critical discussion of main theoretical and methodological skills needed for the realization of an empirical research within social and economic sciences. In particular, students' attention will be focalized on the construction of the research design from the starting hypothesis to their empirical control and to the communication of the results. At the end of course, students should be aware of the main fundaments of methods in social sciences, and they must be able to use them with the right critical and epistemological awareness. Besides they will achieve information on main currents within epistemological literature and so they will be aware of risks of over interpretation of data. Finally students will achieve basic skills for the implementation and the assessment of social and economic researches.</p>

The course will be organized in three parts. In the first will be discussed the concept of science and the scientific method, and presented the main methodological approaches in social science. In the second part will be discussed the fundamental concepts of the scientific process and the principal skills and instruments to project a research design. In the third part we will develop the instruments for collecting and analysing quantitative data.

Lessons will be organized partly in a more traditional approach and partly in interactive relation and with exercises. If the health situation requires it, the lessons / exercises will be carried out only partially in the presence, however allowing students not present to use them through IT tools.

**Recommeneded or required
readings**

Books:

Cinzia Meraviglia, Metodologia delle scienze sociali, Carocci Editore, Roma.

Piergiorgio Corbetta, Metodologia e tecniche della ricerca sociale, il Mulino, Bologna (only some chapters, please contact the teacher for details).

Other papers provided by teacher and available on Kiro.

Oral Test, with theoretical questions and exercises. Some exercises will be presented during the lessons and will be available on Kiro.

