



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIR-662DE	Research Methodology	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Core	International Relations	English / Greek
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Dr Odysseas Christou	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Distance Learning	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Familiarize students with the logic and methods of social science research.
- Provide students with solid empirical, theoretical and normative foundations for the understanding of social science research in general and research in international relations in particular.
- Introduce students to the research design methodologies of conceptualization and operationalization so as to contribute to their ability to understand, interpret and explain the main theories in their specific research field.
- Develop students' necessary skills to design and conduct their own research and to participate in and contribute to academic knowledge.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate extensive knowledge of research methods used in the fields of International Relations in particular and Social Sciences more generally.
- Present a thorough understanding of the complexity of the study area and its relationship to other adjacent research areas.
- Critically analyze the scope of research application in this research area.
- Communicate in the English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence as necessary for the design and conduct of research.

- Utilize computer skills (word processing, Internet use and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
- Demonstrate learning skills that will enable them to participate in research of international phenomena with minimal supervision.
- Make effective use of library resources, bibliographic sources and other existing academic research.

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Method and Social Science
2. Doing Social Research
3. Theory and Research
4. Ethics in Social Research
5. The Literature Review
6. Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches
7. Sampling Approaches
8. Survey Research
9. The Experiment
10. Nonreactive Research and Secondary Analysis
11. Analysis of Qualitative Data and Field Research

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lecture, discussion, individual work and tutoring, analysis of case studies.

Assessment Methods:

Interim individual studies, final project, presentation

Required Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Introduction to Research Methods	Burns, Robert B.	Sage Publications	2000	978-0-733-90912-2
Qualitative Methods in International Relations: A Pluralist Guide	Klotz, Audie, and Deepa Prakash, ed	Palgrave Macmillan	2008	978-0-230-54239-6

Recomended Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches	Neuman, Lawrence W.	Pearson	2013	978-1-292-02023-5
Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science	Van Evera, Stephen	Cornell University Press	1997	978-0-801-48457-5