

DOCTORAL STUDIES COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Name of subject	Field of science, code	Faculty / Center	Institute / Department
Research Methodology in Sociology	S 005	Faculty of Philosophy	Institute of Sociology and Social Work

Student's workload	Credits	Student's workload	Credits
Lectures		Consultations	2
Independent study	6	Seminars	

Course annotation

The aim of the course is to get acquainted with the variety of methodological approaches and the main research methods applied in sociological research.

List of topics:

1. Methodological assumptions of quantitative and qualitative research.
2. Problems of combining quantitative and qualitative research methodologies in sociological research. Triangulation.
3. Research design.
4. Assessment of the quality of research in quantitative and qualitative research.
5. The problem of measurement in quantitative sociological research.
6. Probability sampling and non-probability sampling: types, sampling procedures, reliability and accuracy of sample.
7. Surveys in sociological research (self-completion questionnaire, structured interviews, face-to-face telephone, online surveys).
8. Sources of secondary quantitative social data and reliability problems of the data.
9. Qualitative interview.
10. Biographical methods.
11. Focus groups.
12. Quantitative and qualitative content analysis.
13. Social network analysis.
14. Comparative quantitative social research: methodological and methodological problems.
15. Qualitative comparative analysis.
16. Case study.
17. Ethnomethodological research.
18. Discourse analysis.
19. Visual research methods.
20. Application of statistical methods in the analysis of sociological data: descriptive, inferential, advanced statistical methods.
21. Ground theory. Other methods of qualitative data analysis.
22. Ethics of Sociological Research.

Reading list

1. Banks, M. Visual methods in social research, 2009, Los Angeles [etc.] : Sage Publications.
2. Bernard H.R., Ryan G.H. Analyzing qualitative data: systematic approaches, 2010, Sage Publications.
3. Bryman A. Social research methods, 2012, Oxford University Press.
4. Chamberlayne P., Bornat J., Wengraf T. The turn to biographical methods in social science: comparative issues and examples, 2010, Routledge.

5. Charmaz K. Constructing grounded theory: a practical guide through qualitative analysis, 2009, Sage Publication.
6. Coffey A., Atkinson P. Making Sense of Qualitative Data: Complimentary Research Strategies. 1996, Sage Publication
7. Comparative Methodology: Theory and Practice in International Social Research, 1990, Sage Publication.
8. Creswell, J., Clark, .V.. Designing and conducting mixed methods research. 2011. Los Angeles: Sage.
9. Das, M., Ester, P., Kaczmirek, L. (eds.). Social and behavioral research and the internet: advances in applied methods and research strategies. 2011, New York: Routledge.
10. De Vaus, D. A. Analyzing social science data, 2011, London: Sage.
11. Flick U. An Introduction to Qualitative Research. 1998, Sage Publication.
12. Flick, U. Managing quality in qualitative research, 2007, Sage Publications.
13. Gerring, Jh. Case study research : principles and practices, 2012, Cambridge University Press.
14. Glaser, B. G., Strauss A. L. The Discovery of Grounded Theory: Strategies for Qualitative Research. 1967. Aldine Publishing Company /New York
15. Goertz G., Mahoney J.. A tale of two cultures : qualitative and quantitative research in the social sciences, 2012, Princeton, [N.J.] : Princeton University Press.
16. Goertz, G., Multimethod research, causal mechanisms, and case studies : an integrated approach, 2017, Princeton University Press.
17. Handbook of Qualitative Research, ed. By N. Denzin, Y.Lincoln, 1996, Sage Publication.
18. Yin R. K. Case Study Research: Design and Methods. 2 ed., 1994, Sage Publication.
19. Long, J.D. Longitudinal data analysis for the behavioral sciences using R, 2012, Thousand Oaks, CA.
20. Knoke, D. and S.Yang. 2008. Social Network Analysis. Thousand Oaks, Calif: Sage.
21. Madden, R. Being ethnographic :a guide to the theory and practice of ethnography, 2010, Los Angeles: Sage
22. Norkus, Z., Morkevičius. V. Kokybinė lyginamoji analizė, 2012, [Lietuvos Respublikos] švietimo ir mokslo ministerija, Kauno technologijos universitetas, Lietuvos HSM duomenų archyvas
23. Ragin Ch.. Amoroso L. M. Constructing social research: the unity and diversity of method, 2011, Sage Publications
24. Wasserman S., K. Faust. Social network analysis :methods and applications, 2009, Cambridge University Press
25. Weller N., Barnes, J. Finding pathways : mixed-method research for studying causal mechanisms, 2014, Cambridge : Cambridge University Press.

The names of consulting teachers	Science degree	Main scientific works published in a scientific field in last 5 year period
Rūta Žiliukaitė	Dr.	<p>Žiliukaitė, Rūta. "What Do We Choose?". In <i>The Nonprofit Sector in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia</i>. Leiden, The Netherlands: BRILL</p> <p>Žiliukaitė, Rūta. „Intergenerational Value Differences in Contemporary Lithuanian Society”. – Sociologija: mintis ir veiksmai, 2016 Nr. 2, p. 82-98.</p> <p>Žiliukaitė, Rūta, Arūnas Poviliūnas, Aida Savicka. <i>Lietuvos visuomenės vertybių kaita per dvidešimt nepriklausomybės metų</i>. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2016, 316 psl.</p> <p>Ainė Ramonaitė, Saulius Grybkauskas, Jūratė Kavaliauskaitė, Rytė Kukulskytė, Valdermaras Klumbys, Rūta Žiliukaitė. <i>Nematoma sovietmečio visuomenė</i>. Vilnius: Naujasis Židinys, 2015, 387 psl</p>

Daiva Skučienė	Dr.	Skučienė, D., R.Lazutka, A. Čižauskaitė, J. Markevičiūtė, „The role of social benefits for reducing poverty and income inequality during life course of groups of „new“ social risks“. The study was funded of Lithuanian Research Council. 2018
		Skučienė, Daiva; Moskvina, Julija. Factors influencing the decision of whether to retire or extend one's employment // Human affairs. Heidelberg: Springer Heidelberg. ISSN: 1210-3055, eISSN: 1337-401X. 2016, Vol. 26, Iss. 2, p. 104-116. [DB: PubMed; Scopus; Current Abstracts; ProQuest Central; The Philosopher's Index; SocINDEX with Full Text]
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