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Qualitative and mixed methods in social work & social sciences (5TS2001)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Doctorat en travail social	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3
Master en développement international des affaires	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

Equipe enseignante

Barbara Waldis, Professor ITTS, UniNE
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Social Work research methods are part of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in social sciences and they draw from anthropology, arts, economy, geography, history, management, pedagogy, politics, psychology and sociology. Yet, they distinguish themselves by the specific orientation of the discipline through indigenous knowledge, user-orientation, participation, advocacy, and the general orientation of the discipline given by the ethics of social justice.

In a first phase, the seminar will focus on qualitative method of data collection and data analysis. The seminar will have a strong practical dimension, as it will use data collected by interviews of an ongoing research. This existing data will be used as material to test and apply transcription, anonymization, coding and analyzing methods. Atlas.ti software will also be presented and tested, for transcribing and coding the interviews.

Regarding participative research methods, Trish Hafford-Letchfield, Professor at Social Work Department of University of Glasgow will give a conference on the topic of maximizing inclusion and participation in research. It will be followed by a text-based discussion

In a second phase, the seminar will focus on mixed methods research design. A selection of literature about mixed methods will be read and presented by participants, followed by discussions. The existing data, the presentations and articles will be the starting point for the building of a research design using mixed methods. As final assignment each participant will elaborate and present her or his own suggestion of a mixed method research design on her or his PhD topic.

Teaching periods: Friday afternoons (13h45-17h15): February 21st, 2025; March 7th; March 21st; April 4th; May 23rd

Friday full day (9h15-17h15): May 2nd

Forme de l'évaluation

Internal evaluation. Readings, summarizing, discussing texts, presentation and discussion of the research design for a possible research project (PhD students: individually; MA students: collective)

Modalités de rattrapage

Revision of final assignment within one month.

Documentation

All the documentation will be available on moodle.

Pré-requis

post-graduate and master students

Forme de l'enseignement

Reading, summarizing, group work, presentations, discussions, peer evaluation

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

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- Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the major qualitative and mixed research methodologies in social work
- Select a relevant methodological approach in selected research texts
- Formulate consistent methodological research frame work for a social work research project
- Defend the discussed social work research methodologies within the field of social sciences

Compétences transférables

- Analyse methodological research texts in social work
- Design comprehensive methodological research frame work for a social work research project