

Social Research Methods (Module – Social Work in the Community)

Title of Study Programme and Code	Type (compulsory/ optional)	Cycle	Year of study when the component is delivered (if applicable)
Social work 653L50009	Compulsory	1 st	3 year
Semester/trimester when the component is delivered	Number of ECTS credits allocated	Language of instruction	Mode of delivery (face-to-face/e-learning/...)
Autumn	5 ECTS	English	Face-to-face
Learning outcomes		Study methods	Assessment methods
<p>After completion of the study subject, a student should be able to:</p> <p>LO 1 Form the research plan and stick to it.</p> <p>LO 2 Choose the best research instrument for a specific problem research.</p> <p>LO 3 Know how to analyse the results of the research, for generalization of the research findings.</p> <p>LO 4 Reason their opinion in issues of providing social help, according the research findings and critically assess the provision ways.</p>		<p>Teamwork, formation of the individual research plan, seminar; Involving lecture, seminar, teamwork, independent formation of the research instrument; Involving lecture, practical sessions, demonstration of the examples, independent analysis of research Findings, teamwork; practical sessions, work in a group, case analysis, practical tasks filming and analysis.</p>	<p>Presentation of the research plan, written work, assessment of the attendance in the seminar; Assessment of research instrument, assessment of the analysis of research instruments; Written work, assessment of the group work; Assessment of the attendance in a group work, assessment of the case analysis; Examination.</p>
Prerequisites (these courses must have successfully completed before s/he can take this course)			
These modules should be accomplished: Introduction into Studies, Social Worker's Professional Activities, Child and Family Welfare, Health and Welfare, Social Politics, Social Work Management, Social Work with Elderly People and Training Professional Activity Practice			
Course content			
<p>Research ethics and other principles. Scientific activity parts and stages. Steps of the theoretical preparation for writing scientific work. Limiting the test object, formulating the research problem.</p> <p>The importance of consistent research plan compliance. General sample and sample size. Quantitative and qualitative research comparative analysis. Scientific research work structure and content. Ratio and structure of the theoretical and research parts of the final work. The importance of the most important structural elements harmony. The stages of final work presentation and order of public defence. The most common mistakes in the final works. Final work assessment criteria. The features of public presentation of the final work (presentation structure).</p>			
Recommended or required reading and other learning resources/tools			

1. Bryman, A. (2008). Social research methods. Oxford University Press.
2. David M., Sutron C.D. (2004). Social research : the basis. London etc.: Sage.
3. Patton, M.Q. (2002). Qualitative Research & Evaluation Methods. Sage Publications.
<http://www.elibrary.lt>
4. Wengraf, T. (2001). Qualitative research interviewing: biographic narrative and semi-structured methods. London: Sage.