

Title:	Research Project. Introduction to Academic Writing and Research Methodology
Lecture hours:	30
Study period: (summer/winter)	Winter and summer semester
Number of credits:	10
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course attendance. - An exam in the basics of research methodology in the field of social sciences. - Designing a research project, writing a research paper (15-20 pages) on a selected topic within social sciences (especially political and juridical sciences). - Presenting and discussing the research process and results.
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	The course is recommended for senior students, i.e. students in the third year of Bachelor Studies or MA students whose command of English enables them to read and analyse more complex academic texts and execute a research project.
Course content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selected issues of English academic writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sentence and paragraph structure; - types of paragraphs; - coordinating and subordinating conjunctions; - punctuation rules; - rules for using and punctuating quotations. 2. A Diploma Thesis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thesis structure; - stating the research problem, research question and hypotheses; - aim, scope and significance of the thesis study; - structuring the material and writing the thesis; - evaluation of an academic thesis. 3. Research methods and methodology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - types of research (descriptive vs. analytical, applied vs. fundamental, quantitative vs. qualitative, conceptual vs. empirical research). - defining and formulating a research problem, conceptualizing research design, developing a theoretical and conceptual framework; - Literature review (primary and secondary sources, web as a source, searching the web); - developing of working hypotheses, types of hypotheses; - selecting a study design (qualitative and quantitative study designs/observational and interventional study designs); - data collection and analysis; - processing and displaying data; - establishing validity and reliability of research instruments; - ethical aspects of conducting research. 4. Writing and discussing an academic paper

Learning outcomes:	<p>On completion the course student will be equipped with methodological and technical tools necessary for designing and carrying out a research project and subsequently for writing a diploma thesis in the field of social sciences (especially political and juridical sciences). In particular, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - undertake the research process while being aware of its underlying paradigms.. - articulate research or project objectives clearly, situate research within an academic or scholarly context, formulate working hypotheses, state claims and evidence clearly, assess validity of claims, evidence, outcomes, and results. - select adequate research methods and data collection instruments. - select, utilize and assess primary and secondary sources. - present and discuss the research process and results clearly and succinctly in written and oral form.
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Literature:	<p>Evans D., Gruba P, Zobel. J., <i>How to write a better thesis</i>, Melbourne 2014. Kumar R., <i>Research Methodology. A Step by Step Guide for Beginners</i>, Los Angeles 2011. Oshima A., Hogue A., <i>Introduction to Academic Writing</i>, White Plains 2007. Subhash Ch., P., Vicram K. (ed.), <i>Thesis Writing for Master's and Ph.D. Program</i>, Singapore 2018.</p>