Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2017-2018

Introduction Research Methods (F710362)

Course

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Baert, Stijn EB21 lecturer-in-charge
Coninckx, Daniël EB25 co-lecturer
Vanderhoudelingen, Véronique EB58 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Management 5 A

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

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Contact hrs

Study time 150 h
Credits 5.0
Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Research motivation, research question, theory formation, data gathering, qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis, research report, statistics, information skills, writing skills

Position of the course

This course unit offers students an overview of the key concepts and essential lines of reasoning and techniques in public administration research

Initial competences

Final competences

1. Knowledge and an understanding of essential concepts and lines of reasoning in public management research
2. Formulating relevant and clear research questions
3. Consulting and selecting relevant scientific sources
4. Basic understanding of data gathering
5. Basic understanding of data analytics
6. Reporting on a research project
7. Writing a research proposal

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8 Judging the quality of relevant scientific research
9 Knowledge and an understanding of (the application of) essential concepts and lines of reasoning in statistics (ordering, compiling and graphical representation of data; types of variables; frequency distributions; position and dispersion; correlation and causality; contingency table; correlation, analysis of variance)
10 Comprehensive reading and summarising a Dutch or English scientific text

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in ‘Starting Competences’

Conditions for exam contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods
Guided self-study, lecture, seminar

Learning materials and price
The lecturers provide students with a reader
The lecturers make the powerpoint presentations, used in the lectures available on Minerva
Estimated total price: 44 euro

References
The learning material lists further references

Course content-related study coaching
Students can contact the lecturers regarding any content-related questions; they are available before, during and after the lectures, and can be contacted by e-mail

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods
End-of-term evaluation: written examination (open book)
Permanent evaluation: thematic assignments (written reports and analyses)

Calculation of the examination mark
End-of-term evaluation 50% and continuous assessment 50%

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