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Data Sources in Criminology

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
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Use of languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)

Some groups entirely in English: No

Some groups entirely in Catalan: No

Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

Other comments on languages

Lectures will be in Spanish. Students may attend seminars in Spanish or in Catalan

Teachers

Helena Mulero Alcaraz

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The general objective of this course is set out as follows: "The students of the Degree in Criminology will be able to use the methods and techniques of criminological research to analyze the data and experiences of conflict, crime and control in a given social context: Also, students will be able to evaluate, in a thoughtful and critical way, possible responses, and to expose, with academic rigor, the results of their work."
In this context, the course of Data Sources in Criminology has the following concrete objectives:
1. To enable students to use databases on delinquency
2. To be able to conect, evaluate, and reflect critically about different data on crime
3. To reach competentence in academic writing

Skills

- Ability to analyse and summarise.
- Accessing and interpreting sources of crime data.
- Drawing up an academic text.
- Using research methods in social sciences in order to diagnose criminality problems.
- Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.

- Working autonomously.
- Working in teams and networking.

Learning outcomes

1. Ability to analyse and summarise.
2. Drawing up an academic text.
3. Properly applying the research methods in order to analyse crime related figures.
4. Using the databases about delinquency in criminological researches.
5. Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
6. Working autonomously.
7. Working in teams and networking.

Content

The first part of the course provides students with methodological tools which are appropriate to learning and research in the field of criminology. The second part aims to familiarize students with the main indicators of crime.

1. **METHODOLOGICAL TOOLS**

Data in criminological research. How to obtain data and how to do a bibliographic research. Bibliographic databases. APA Rules. Basic concepts of Excel.

2. **INTRODUCTION TO DATA SOURCES**

Research and sources of data in criminology. Data on crime and on criminal justice system. Incidence and prevalence of crime. Validity and reliability of different data.

3. **OFFICIAL DATA SOURCES**

Concept and utility of different sources. National and international sources. Types of official sources: a) Police data; b) Court data, c) Prison data. Critical assessment of different sources.

4. **VICTIMIZATION SURVEYS**

Concept and origin of victimization surveys. National and international victimization surveys. Victimization rates in relation to specific crimes. Advantages and disadvantages of victimization surveys.

5. **SELF-REPORTED CRIME SURVEYS**

Concept and origin of victimization surveys. Examples of self-reported surveys. Interpretation, validity and problems.

6. **INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

Methodology

Activities

In order to reach an adequate learning of the contents of the course, students must carry out two types of activities.

Directed activities: which will be done in the classroom, consisting of:

- Lectures given by the teacher, in which the theoretical contents of the course will be examined.

- Seminars and workshops, in which practical activities will be realized in group.

Supervised activities. As a complement to the directed activities, students will work individually and in group, through:

- Group work. Students will prepare esssays about the content of the course to be presented in seminars.

- Individual work. Students will read texts to prepare the seminars and exams

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	22.5	0.9	1, 6, 7, 4
Workshops	22.5	0.9	1, 5, 6, 7, 4
Type: Supervised			
Group and individual work	105	4.2	2, 1, 6, 7, 4

Evaluation

Basis of the evaluation
Evaluation will be carried out continuously throughout the course. Therefore, the regular attendance to the classes (80%) and the accomplishment of the activities detailed below is required.
Conditions to be evaluated and to pass the course
In order to pass the course, students need to attend classes regularly(80%), present all the assignments and pass the final exam.
Students need to obtain a minimum of 4 in each of the assessment activities. Otherwise,students will have the chance to repeat those activities in which they have not reached the required minimum.
The chance to repeat activities exist only when students have presented the essays in due time.
Evaluable activities:
    Individual activities (70%):
    - Two exams: the first, a computer test on the first part of the course, and the second a multiple choice test on the contents of the second part (30% + 30%)
    Group activities (30%)
    - The documents worked in group in the workshops 5 to 8 (20%)
    - Overview on crime indicators (10%)

Demonstrating learning of the contents of the course, through active participation in class,will be used to adjust the final mark by up to 0.5 points.

Students need to obtain a minimum of 4 in each in all the assessment activities. Otherwise, the teacher will offer the students the chance to repeat those activities in which they have not reached the required minimum. . Students who are found cheating or attempting to cheat during the exams will receive a mark of 0, loosing the right of reassessement.
Cases of plagiarism in essays will be individually evaluated and may be subject to fail mark. Depending on the seriousness of the plagiarism made, students may lose the right of reassessment.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes

Exam (methodological and theoretical concepts)	70 % (30%+30%+10)	0	0	3, 1, 6
Group workshops	30%	0	0	3, 2, 5, 7, 4

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