

**Psychology of Organizations**

Code: 102559  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2502443 Psychology	OB	3	2

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**Use of Languages**

Principal working language: catalan (cat)  
Some groups entirely in English: No  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

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**Prerequisites**

There are no strict prerequisites for studying "Psychology of Organizations". However, students are recommended to have knowledge about subjects such as Social Psychology, Groups Dynamics and Work Psychology.

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

Psychology of Organizacions is a subject taught in the second semester of the third year of the Psychology Degree. Its main aim is to introduce students in the world of organizations in the 21st Century.

Objectives:

- This subject provides students with a general description of the basic characteristics of modern organizations.
- This subject offers a list of the main topics, approaches and applications in Psychology of Organizations.
- This subject analysis the suppositions and the propositions of the most important theories in the discipline.
- This subject reflects on the theoretical and research limitations of the discipline.

**Competences**

- Analyse the demands and needs of people, groups and organisations in different contexts.
- Apply techniques to collect and produce information about the functioning of individuals, groups and organisations in context.
- Distinguish and relate the principles of psychosocial functioning of groups and organizations.

- Evaluate, contrast and take decision on the choice of adequate methods and instruments for each situation and evaluation context.
- Prepare and write technical reports on the results of the evaluation, research or services requested.
- Recognise personal limitations and limitations of the discipline in the different areas of professional practice.
- Use different ICTs for different purposes.
- Work in a team.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Apply models of organizational analysis such as SWOT (weaknesses, threats, strengths and opportunities).
2. Ask viable and relevant objectives or goals from the analysis of the demands of groups and organizations.
3. Describe the characteristics of the main theoretical models of the discipline.
4. Design the structure of a report or presentation of the contents depending communicate and characteristics of the recipients.
5. Identify significant issues and disciplinary knowledge relevant to the demands and needs of groups and organizations.
6. Identify the different levels of analysis and intervention (individual, group and organizational).
7. Identify the dimensions of organizational phenomena.
8. Interpret information gathered from questionnaires and individual and group interviews consistent with the conceptual models used.
9. Plan the different steps in the diagnosis of an organization taking into account the particular case.
10. Produce diagrams, tables and conceptual maps that promote the communication of the results of evaluation, research or intervention to the actors involved.
11. Recognise personal limitations and limitations of the discipline in the different areas of professional practice.
12. Recognise the basic elements of an organization.
13. Select relevant concepts for the analysis of information gathered.
14. Select the appropriate techniques and instruments diagnosis in each case.
15. Use different ICTs for different purposes.
16. Work in a team.
17. Write reports that argue clearly and in detail the critical aspects of the evaluation, investigation or intervention process.

## Content

This subject is structured into the following units:

1. Introduction: Why is it so interesting to study organizations?
2. Role Theory and Organizations
3. The phenomenon of leadership in organizations
4. Communication and organizations
5. Relationships of power
6. Conflict in organizations
7. Culture and anthropology of organizations
8. Gender and organizations
9. Subjectivity and organizations

## Methodology

This subject includes two different types of activities: a set of lectures, linked to the content of the subject and a series of work sessions carried out in small groups and made up of by combinations of activities such as: seminars (reading and discussion of previously selected texts), workshops and presentation of lines of research, projection and discussion of audio-visual materials, etc.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
D1. Lectures	13.5	0.54	3, 7, 5
D2. Group work	22	0.88	1, 6, 8, 9, 2, 12, 13
Type: Supervised			
S1. Individual Assessment	1	0.04	4, 13, 14
S2. Case analysis in moodle	2.5	0.1	7, 12, 13
Type: Autonomous			
A1. Bibliography search	14	0.56	13, 14, 15
A2. Essays	18	0.72	4, 10, 17
A3. Reading texts	22	0.88	3, 7, 12
A4. Analysis of data	25	1	1, 8, 11, 13
A5. Collecting data in organizations	30	1.2	6, 9, 14, 16

## Assessment

Assessable activities are as follows:

- 1.Participation (30%). It would last from the week 5 until the 13.
2. Group work. (40%). It would be delivered through moodle the week 12
3. A test (30%). It would be carried out at the end of the semester.

Student are considered to have passed the subject when the sum of their marks in the different assessable activities is greater or equal to 5.

Students are considered not assessable when they have given learning evidences with a weight lower than 4 points.

Students are considered assessable but not to have passed the subject when they do not obtain a grade of 5.

Students can be reassessed if their grade is 3.5. The reassessment will be a global text of the whole subject and its mark will be the final mark of the subject.

THE GENERAL ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES OF THE FACULTY CAN BE CONSULTED AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

## Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
EV1. Participation	30%	0	0	1, 12, 15
EV2. Group work	40%	0	0	4, 10, 6, 7, 5, 8, 9, 2, 17, 13, 14, 16
EV3. Test	30%	2	0.08	3, 6, 11

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### Web links

European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology: <http://www.eawop.org/web/>

*European Network of Work and Organizational Psychologists:* <http://www.enop.ee/>

*Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology:* <http://www.siop.org/>