

Evaluation of Programs and Public Policies

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| 2500257 Criminology | OT | 4 | 1 |

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Teaching groups languages

You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject. Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2023.

Prerequisites

Do not apply. The subject is part of the two grade mentions.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Evaluation of programs and public policies in the degree:

It is a compulsory fourth-year subject that develops the evaluation process from a disciplinary and professional perspective that is rooted in the evaluation of programs, without forgetting its connections with the design and monitoring of the same. Understand the relevant concepts for program evaluation.

- 1.- Reflect on the concepts related to the process of evaluating plans and programs within the criminological context.
- 2.- Evaluate plans, programs, projects and activities to intervene in intervention/prevention contexts, specifically in the criminological field.
- 3.- Analyze program evaluation models applied to different situations within the criminological context.
- 4.- Contextualize the evaluation in different documents related to criminology.
- 5.- Express yourself orally with technical rigor and communicative ability.

Competences

- Ability to analyse and summarise.

- Applying a crime prevention program at a community level.
- Assessing the results of a prevention or intervention program when crime is concerned.
- Designing a crime prevention program.
- Drawing up an academic text.
- Students must demonstrate a comprehension of the best crime prevention and intervention models for each specific problem.
- Using the evaluation techniques of criminogenic risk and needs of a person in order to decide an intervention proposal.
- Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
- Working autonomously.
- Working in teams and networking.

Learning Outcomes

1. Ability to analyse and summarise.
2. Applying a prevention program for crime control agents.
3. Applying an effective evaluative model in order to detect the criminological intervention needs in prison population.
4. Carrying out a results analysis of a delinquency prevention program.
5. Demonstrating they know the means and scientific procedures of crime prevention.
6. Drawing up a delinquency prevention program.
7. Drawing up an academic text.
8. Effectively developing a delinquency prevention program in the community area.
9. Producing a social prevention program of delinquency.
10. Properly using the criminological prevention and intervention programs.
11. Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
12. Working autonomously.
13. Working in teams and networking.

Content

1. Definition of the subject
2. Models for program evaluation
3. Dimensions of program evaluation
4. The evaluation design
5. References, criteria and indicators for evaluation. Evaluation of the efficacy, effectiveness and efficiency of a program.
6. Strategies, methodologies, techniques and tools of evaluation.
7. Meta-evaluation. Frequent problems in program evaluation. The evaluation report.

Methodology

The methodological approach of the subject starts from focusing the activity of the process on the student's learning. In order to allow the achievement of this principle, the student should be active and autonomous throughout the process, being the mission of the professor to assist him in this task. In this sense, professors will: 1) support students at all times by providing the information and resources necessary for learning, 2) ensure autonomous learning of students by proposing different learning activities (individual and group, theoretical and practical) under the principle of variety of methods.

In this approach, the subject is structured, in its design and development, in the type of teaching-learning activities that we detail and specify below:

There will be a detailed program of all activities at the beginning of the course.

Classes will start on time. Late arrival and leaving the class before the end, without justifiable reason are not allowed.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

| Title | Hours | ECTS | Learning Outcomes |
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| Type: Directed | | | |
| Presential in large group: theory and case analysis (individual with group discussion). | 18 | 0.72 | 2, 5, 4, 6, 11, 12, 10 |
| Seminars: Evaluation design of a criminal program (group activity) | 18 | 0.72 | 2, 5, 8, 4, 6, 7, 9, 1, 11, 12, 13, 10 |
| Type: Autonomous | | | |
| Reading of the dossiers-didactic units; Repository of cases worked; Brief reporting and analysis. | 109 | 4.36 | 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 7, 1, 12, 13, 10 |

Assessment

Evaluation system

We will have two evaluation systems:

1.- Continuous evaluation system:

1.1.- Individual and group theoretical-practical tests (relating to theoretical-practical knowledge in relation to the subject's content and objectives).

1.2.- Weekly individual practices in relation to the evaluation of programs in criminological contexts.

1.3. Evaluation work of a group criminological program. Group oral presentation (analysis of one or more existing plans, programs or projects),

with the contribution of evidence analyzed beyond the face-to-face work, especially with regard to expanding the cases or problems raised in the classroom, and always in connection with the theory worked on.

It must be taken into account, however, that there will always be revisions by the teacher at the student's initiative, within the context of continuous or formative assessment.

2.- Single evaluation system:

2.1.- Final theoretical exam of all content related to the subject (10%)

2.2.- Final practical exam related to the content of the subject (50%)

2.3- Delivery of the evaluation work of a criminological program in PDF format for the indicated virtual platform.

A tutorial schedule will be established to follow up. There will be an oral presentation of the work done (40%)

The duration of the test will be approximately 3 hours.

Group work

The evaluation of the group design of an evaluation program has a formative purpose from the point of view of its evaluation, since it can be reviewed by the group depending on the task delivered.

This review will be done in the seminars that are considered presenting the results of the group work, in addition, to the rest of the classmates. The scoring of this evaluation of the designed program will take place after its written submission and the oral defense presentation that will take place afterwards. This defense will have the character of a summative assessment for this group part.

Recovery

Due to its nature, the recovery will involve the correction of the learning elements not achieved, or the incorporation of new evidence by the student that demonstrates the achievement of the required skills.

Completion of all assignments is a prerequisite for passing the subject. The subject cannot be approved if each part is not approved with a 5. Deliverables will be delivered by the virtual platforms indicated in PDF format.

In the event that some parts of the work remain pending, they can be carried out and/or delivered on the date specified, as long as we are talking about finishing works that have already been worked on formatively.

In the case of single assessment, the exam will not be approved if each part is not approved.

Other aspects of the assessment

Each individual situation that does not conform to what is written must be communicated to the subject teacher in order to enable the relevant assessments.

Attendance, both in theory and seminar classes, is mandatory. To be evaluated, a minimum of 80% must be justified, without accounting for justified absences.

Absences can only be justified for reasons of illness or other force majeure and for academic reasons previously authorized by the teaching staff.

Students who copy or attempt to copy in an exam will have a 0 in the subject and will lose the right to re-evaluation.

Students who present a practice in which there are signs of plagiarism or who cannot justify the arguments of their practice will get a 0 and will receive a warning.

In case of repetition of the conduct, the student will suspend the subject (0) and lose the right to recovery. Therefore, the anti-copying and anti-plagiarism regulations will apply.

Assessment Activities

| Title | Weighting | Hours | ECTS | Learning Outcomes |
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| Group evaluation work on a criminology program. Oral presentation of the final work | 60% | 0 | 0 | 2, 5, 4, 6, 7, 1, 11, 12, 13, 10 |
| Individual and group exercises in class | 5% | 5 | 0.2 | 3, 5, 8, 9, 1, 11, 12, 13, 10 |
| Weekly individual exercises in relation to program evaluation in criminological contexts | 35% | 0 | 0 | 2, 5, 8, 4, 6, 7, 9, 1, 12, 13, 10 |

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NOTES:

The specific bibliography will be presented with the development of the program of the subject, according to the interests of the students in order to overcome the competences of the subject.

The mandatory bibliography will be specified at the beginning of the course

Software

This subject does not need a specific syllabus