

COURSE SYLLABUS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES

Name of the course	Field of study and its code	Faculty	
Research methodology	Communication and information S 008	Communication	
Study method	Number of credits ECTS	Study method	Number of credits ECTS
Lectures		Consultations	2 ECTS
Individual work	6.5 ECTS	Seminars	0.5 ECTS
Course abstract			
<p>Course aim is to develop the ability of PhD students to raise and substantiate the problems of communication and information field scientific research, develop scientific research methods based on scientific arguments and theoretical knowledge to solve the problems.</p>			
<p>Course content Course object, tasks, study methods, literature. The concept and system of science. Communication and information sciences. Aims and functions of a scientific paper. The concept of scientific knowledge methodology. The relation between methodology and methods. The process of scientific research. Research methods. Quantitative and qualitative research. Features and strategies of qualitative research. Research methods in Humanities. Historiography. Evaluation methods of historiographic paper. Sources of historiographic research and source study. Criteria and principles of classification of sources. Main types of sources. Explanation of sources and their scientific research. Palaeography. Textology. Establishment of authorship (attribution), emergence, time, place and conditions of sources. Archeography. Methods of work with sources. Method of periodisation. Social sciences research methods: Experimental methods, reviews, case (case studies), ethnography, delphi studies, action research, historical research, etc. Instruments of data collection: interview, questionnaires, monitoring, diaries, group interview, testing. Methods of data analysis and presentation. Phenomenography of a qualitative analysis method, ethnographic methods, discourse and narrative analysis, comparative analysis. Methods of introduction and representation of qualitative data. Methods of quantitative analysis. Representation of quantitative data. Software for scientific data analysis. Forecasting and its methods. Interrelation of knowledge methods. Criteria for assessment of scientific research. Scientific research programme and process. Research principles. Formulation of scientific problem, scientific paper object, aim and tasks. Search of literature. Study, assessment and critical analysis of literature. Collection, compilation, analysis and processing of data. Formation of a theoretical background. The relevance of hypotheses in scientific research. The relevance and methods of sampling. Methodological requirements for the main parts of a scientific paper. Main methodological requirements for scientific output. Preparation of a scientific paper report. The structure of a scientific research report. Scientific paper design. Academic, scientific language. Methods of compiling the list of bibliographic references. Doctoral thesis as a type of scientific work. Scholarly person and their features. Scientific work ethics.</p>			
<p>Evaluation strategy The knowledge and skills of scientific research methods are assessed by preparing and defending a written paper <i>Dissertation research methods</i> and answering a theoretical question during the examination. Evaluation of an answer to the theoretical question constitutes 40 per cent of the final score, evaluation of intermediate examinations in seminars – 20 per cent of the final score, and evaluation of the submitted written paper – 40 per cent of the final score. A written paper is prepared in three stages, two of which are intermediate examinations; and the</p>			

third one is a final examination.			
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