

Social work research methods: developing a PhD project (3 ECTS)

Teaching periods

Friday September 29 (9h15-17h15); Friday October 13 (9h15-12h45); Friday November 10 (9h15-12h45);
Friday February 2, 2024 (9h15-17h15)

Venue

University of Neuchâtel, Ave. du 1er mars, 26, room B29

Teaching team

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Content of the seminar

How to elaborate a PhD project? This is the key question of this class. How to grasp the gaps in the existing literature on a specific topic? How to consider social work practice relating to the PhD subject? How to formulate a research problem and research goals?

Which methodology allows best to find answers to the research questions? How about different techniques for scientific work (e.g. literature review, organizing)? What is specific for social work in terms of participation and research ethics? The seminar proposes inputs, application of different working tools, communities of practice, and presentation of PhD students and their work. As much as possible PhD students should work and progress on their own project.

Form of teaching

Presentations, discussions, groupwork

Form of evaluation

Internal evaluation.

Discussion, presentation and elaboration of literature review, research questions and first sketches about methodology and empirical fields

Learning goals

- To be able to do a focused literature research
- To write a literature review
- To formulate research problems and questions
- To choose an empirical field and research methods in tune with the research question

Transferable skills

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Pre-condition

Registration as a PhD student at a Swiss university or pedagogical contract as a future PhD student of the ITTS. Registration at messagerie.itts@unine.ch until September 15.

Documentation & literature

All the documentation will be available on Moodle.

