DEPARTMENT
OF PSΨCHOLOGY
FACULTY OF ARTS

COURSE TITLE: **METHODOLOGY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH: RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

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MINIMAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 3   ECTS CREDITS: 4

AVAILABLE FOR: all students

ABOUT THE COURSE:

To be a good or excellent researcher is not as difficult as one might think. The first step involves finding the right research idea. All you need is to like discussions, common sense, and some courage to share your ideas with colleagues. Through discussion possible errors in specific research plans are identified. You might experience dilemmas or dead ends at this stage, but remember, everything until this point was just a virtual walk and your muscles are still fresh. (We can't say the same about your brain, but cognitive training is good for your mental health.) Once you have your initial research questions defined you can start to move from a rough sketch to a detailed and crafted blueprint. A bit of writing and constructive feedback from your tutor can help a lot. A good proposal should contain a justification for the research, theoretical background, research objectives, a decision about the population and sample, a description of the data collection methods, appropriate analysis methods, ethical issues, and other specifics. The ability you can gain in this course is to write a realistic and persuasive research proposal which can open the chests containing funds and the gates to fame, or, if not, you can at least get a clarified plan for how to conduct your research and write your thesis.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Upon completion of the course, students should:

- know the required form and content of a research proposal;
- understand the main methodological procedures in the field of psychology;
- be able to underpin their research projects theoretically by a relevant bibliographical search;
- be able to formulate a research problem, research objectives, hypotheses, or research questions;
- be capable of analysing the specific research problem, choosing appropriate methods, and giving reasons for their choice;
- be able to assess the quality of other research projects on the basis of relevant criteria.

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