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## Seminar on research and communication methods

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4.00 credits	20.0 h + 10.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Bocquier Philippe ;Legrand Vincent ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Learning outcomes					
Evaluation methods	The student must submit 5 individual works (3 points each, ie 15 points in total):  • Answers to a question by different media: 3 pts • identification errors of reasoning: 3 pts • hypothetico-deductive or inductive method: 3 pts • theoretical causal diagram: 3 pts • justification research question: 3 pts  The 2 individual technical activities will each be scored on 5 points (bibliographic research, establish a bibliography) or 10 points in total.  Attendance at the 5 works during the course and at the 3 practical sessions is mandatory (2 points per participation, ie 16 points in total).				
	The interim dissertation outline (1 page) must imperatively be delivered (5 points). A feedback session on this interim dissertation outline will be organized, with mandatory attendance (4 points).  The final dissertation outline (1 page, 50 points) is due in January.  The second session is only for the submission of the final dissertation outline and is worth 50% of the final grade, the continuous assessment being worth the remaining 50%. Students will therefore not have the opportunity to represent the continuous work.  The final mark is the weighted average of the marks for the continuous assessments and the mark for the final dissertation outline. In the final grade, the continuous part is worth 50% and the final dissertation outline is worth 50%.  PLEASE NOTE: The use of artificial intelligence is not prohibited, but must comply with the rules set out in the ESPO faculty note on the subject, which is available on its intranet site for students (http://uclouvain.be/consignes-chatgpt)				
Teaching methods	The active pedagogy method is based on just-in-time teaching, work in the classroom and interactions via an online tool (Wooclap).				
Content	Around the themes of population and development discussed in the Master SPED, the seminar allows the student:  - to identify the different intellectual perspectives  - to identify frequent errors of reasoning  - to assimilate bibliographic research techniques  - to understand the specificities of the scientific reasoning  - to assimilate methods of scientific reasoning  - identify a relevant topic of research for the Master's dissertation				
Inline resources	A portfolio of readings is offered to students. Most of the additional references are available on MoodleUCL, or open access on the internet.				
Bibliography	Van Campenhoudt, L., & Quivy, R. (2011). Manuel de recherche en sciences sociales-4e edition. Dunod.  John W. Creswell 2009. Research Design - Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches. Los Angeles: Sage.  Federica Russo 2009. Causality and Causal Modelling in the Social Sciences - Measuring Variations. Dordrecht: Springer.  Nassim N. Taleb 2010. The Black Swan - The Impact of the Highly Improbable. London: Penguin.  Nassim N. Taleb 2008. Le cygne noir – La Puissance de l'imprévisible. Paris: Les Belles Lettres.  Daniel Kahneman 2011. Thinking, fast and slow. London: Penguin.  Daniel Kahneman 2012. Système 1/ système 2. Les deux vitesses de la pensée. Paris: Flammarion.)				

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Faculty or entity in	PSAD
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Master [120] in Population and Development Studies	SPED2M	4		<b>Q</b>			