

Title of the training course:

260304 - Claves para el diseño de un plan de investigación en ciencias sociales y humanas. / 260304 – Keys to designing a research plan in social and human sciences.

Organizing center/area leading the course:

Deusto International Research School (DIRS) – PhD program in Human Rights: Ethical, Social and Political Challenges

Training category: AF/. Methodology and research techniques

Professor/Coordinator of the training course:

Coordinators: Ángela Bermúdez and Jaime Cuenca

Lecturers: Ángela Bermúdez, Jaime Cuenca, Edurne Bartolomé, and Macarena Cuenca.

Priority group: First year PhD students.

Competences (definition of objectives based on competences):

C01: To identify and understand the main characteristics and requirements of academic research in the social sciences, differentiating the particularities of qualitative and quantitative methodologies, as well as the various phases in a research project.

C02: To apply basic research methodology concepts in the design of a preliminary proposal of your doctoral research project.

Pre-requisites / prior knowledge: None

Contents:**1: Monday, February 22, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [J. Cuenca]**

- Presentation of course objectives, structure, and methodology.
- Structure of the Research Plan.
- Thesis modalities by monograph/compendium of papers.

2: Tuesday, February 23, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [A. Bermúdez]

- Defining research objectives: Differences and relationships between intellectual and practical objectives.
- Different types of questions that arise in research processes/projects.

3: Wednesday, February 24, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [A. Bermúdez]

- Process theories and variance theories as the epistemological foundations for the distinction between qualitative and quantitative research.

4: Thursday, February 25, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [E. Bartolomé]

- Implications of variance theories for the design of quantitative research projects.
- Varieties of quantitative research design.

5: Friday, February 26, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [E. Bartolomé]

- Varieties of quantitative research design (finish)
- General guidelines for quantitative research.

6: Monday, March 1, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [M. Cuenca]

- Implications of variance theories for the design of qualitative research projects.
- Varieties of qualitative research design.

7: Tuesday, March 2, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [M. Cuenca]

- Varieties of qualitative research design (finish)
- General guidelines for qualitative research.

8: Wednesday, March 3, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [J. Cuenca]

- Hypotheses: Functions and differences in the needs and uses of hypotheses in qualitative and quantitative research.
- The relationship between hypotheses and intellectual objectives of research.

9: Thursday, March 4, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [A. Bermúdez & J. Cuenca]

- Tutoring

10: Friday, March 5, 2027 (15:00-18:00) [M. Cuenca & E. Bartolomé]

- Tutoring

Level of the course: Introductory

Methodology: In-class lectures, readings, exercises applied to doctoral research plan.

Language of instruction: English

Mode of instruction: In-class and virtual attendance

Number of places:

PhD students: no maximum

Personnel: -

Assessment:

Several in class activities, and active participation.

Final assignment applying key concepts and guidelines to the development of doctoral research plans.

Number of hours: 30**Bilbao Campus:**

Month when the course begins: February 2027

- Lunes 22 de febrero de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [J. Cuenca]
- Martes 23 de febrero de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [E. Bartolomé]
- Miércoles 24 de febrero de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [E. Bartolomé]
- Jueves 25 de febrero de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [E. Bartolomé]
- Viernes 26 de febrero de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [E. Bartolomé]
- Lunes 1 de marzo de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [M. Cuenca]
- Martes 2 de marzo de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [M. Cuenca]
- Miércoles 3 de marzo de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [J. Cuenca]
- Jueves 4 de marzo de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [J. Cuenca]
- Viernes 5 de marzo de 2027 (15:00-18:00) [M. Cuenca / E. Bartolomé]