Course title

RESEARCH METHODS IN EDUCATION

Topics and course structure

The course will explore the main theoretical and methodological issues/problems of field research in education. It will discuss, in particular, the possibilities and limits of qualitative research in education.

Examples of research in education will be presented and discussed during the course.

Objectives
Main learning objects are:

- to encourage the development of critical thinking on the main issues, problems, and methods of educational research;
- to stimulate students to use the logic of inquiry to connect theory and practice, to understand the complexity of the diverse educational contexts, to develop projects and interventions in educational settings

Methodologies

Class lectures, case-nalyses, group discussions, work in small groups.

Online and offline teaching materials

Online and off line teaching materials (such as for example scientific articles) will be provided during the course.

Programme and references for attending students

The course will critically discuss the meaning and the end of educational research, with a focus on qualitative method in education. It will combine the logic of inquiry, with the need to think methodologically within a critical-perspective of reflection. The course will explore the potentialities of empirical research, the micro-processes of the research-practice, the issue of rigour, etic and on the role of the researcher between theory and practices. The complexities and the challenges of conducting research in the educaational cotnexsts will be explored through examples of research.

Programme and references for non-attending students

Same as non-attending students

Assessment methods

Oral exam
The course workshop will be evaluated by the workshop leader (approved/not approved)

Assessment criteria:

- **Theoretical knowledge** (clear understanding of the subject)
- Clarity of explanation and depth in critically reflect on the main subjects of the course;
- Capacity to connect issues and theories to the educational problems;
- Linguistic accuracy

The exam can only be taken by students who have already passed the final test of the workshop.

**Office hours**

At the end of the lessons, by appointment (chiara.bove@unimib.it)

**Programme validity**

The programm will be valid for two Academic-Years.

**Course tutors and assistants**