



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Research Methods

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#### Aims

Basic knowledge of typical sampling schemes, methodological tools of descriptive statistics and inferential statistics to set up studies and to analyse data, with attention to the features of rehabilitation data.

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. read and discuss scientific literature with descriptive and inferential statistical analyses
2. have a solid knowledge to be involved in the the design and implementation of studies in rehabilitation

#### Contents

Basic definitions, typical sampling schemes, data representation through graphs and tables, measures of central tendency and dispersion, position measures and outlier, probability calculus, random variables, probability distributions Binomial and Gaussian, sampling probability distribution of mean and proportion, confidence interval on population mean and proportion, hypothesis testing on population mean/s and proportion/s.

#### Detailed program

Introduction to statistics: definitions of population, sample, variable, data, information – chapter 1

Sampling methods: random sampling, non probabilist sampling, stratified sampling, group sampling, multistate sampling, errors in sampling – chapter 1

Organization and sinthesis of data: representation by tables and plots, errors in tables and graphs – chapter 2

Summarizing data: central and dispersion measures (arithmetic mean, median, modal value, standard deviation) for atomic data and aggregation into classes, position measures and outlier (z-score, percentiles, quartiles) – chapter 3

Introduction to probability calculus: approaches to determination of probabilities, probability rules, conditional probability – chapter 5

Distribution probabilities: Binomial discrete, continuous Gaussian, standard Gaussian with properties and applications, Binomial with Gaussian approximation – chapters 6 e 7

## **Prerequisites**

## **Teaching form**

Synchronous frontal lessons, asynchronous contents (clips and quizzes).

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Book: Fondamenti di statistica Micheal Sullivan III, traduzione a cura di Emma Zavarrone, Pearson 2020, diponibile anche come e-book [https://www.pearson.it/opera/pearson/0-7264-fondamenti\\_di\\_statistica](https://www.pearson.it/opera/pearson/0-7264-fondamenti_di_statistica)

Slides

Digital contents available on the moodle platform

## **Semester**

1st semester

## **Assessment method**

written exam

## **Office hours**

by appointment

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

QUALITY EDUCATION

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