



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Qualitative Social Research Methods

2425-118R-QualSRM

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#### Learning objectives

The course provides an overview of the methods of qualitative data collection and analysis most commonly used in social science research. Upon course completion, students should be able to collect and analyze most qualitative data of interest.

#### Contents

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#### Detailed program

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## **Prerequisites**

none

## **Teaching methods**

Lectures and group work in the classroom

## **Assessment methods**

Evaluation of final assignment

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Each instructor will communicate the reference texts

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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