



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Social Research Design

2526-118R-SRD

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#### Title

Social Research Design

#### Teacher(s)

Maurizio Pisati

#### Language

English

#### Short description

The course provides a general introduction to the design of empirical social science research.

Following a summary of the basic features of the scientific method, the course addresses the different phases of the social research process. We begin by discussing how to choose, state, and justify the research problem, from which specific research questions are subsequently derived. Second, we consider the definition of the conceptual framework for the research, focusing on the notions of theory, model, entities and their properties. Concurrently, we present strategies for evaluating, organizing, and synthesizing the literature related to the research problem. Finally, attention is devoted to data collection and analysis procedures, discussing both quantitative and qualitative

approaches.

Upon course completion, students should be able to design their own empirical research, and to write the corresponding research proposal.

### **CFU / Hours**

16 hours / 8 lectures

### **Teaching period**

January - February

### **Sustainable Development Goals**

QUALITY EDUCATION

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