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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Qualitative Social Research Methods

2627-118R-QualSRM

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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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