

Qualitative and mixed methods in social work & social sciences (3 ECTS)

Teaching periods

Friday February 13, 2024 (9h15-12h45); On Fridays (9h15-17h15): February 23, March 8, March 22 and May 17, 2024

Venue

University of Neuchâtel, Ave. du 1er mars, 26, room B29

Teaching team

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Content of the seminar

Social Work research methods are part of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in social sciences and they draw from anthropology, arts, economy, geography, history, management, pedagogy, politics, psychology and sociology. Yet, they distinguish themselves by the specific orientation of the discipline through indigenous knowledge, user-orientation, participation, advocacy, and the general orientation of the discipline given by the ethics of social justice.

The seminar dedicates six sessions to the most important qualitative and mixed methodological approaches for social work research, mentioned above. In each session, possible research designs, short comings and most important fields and topics of applications in social work research will be presented and discussed. (PhD) Students will have the opportunity to participate by presenting and discussing the research strategies chosen for their own research projects.

The programme includes mixed & mixing methods; single case studies & experimental approaches; intervention research, community-based & participatory approaches; ethnographic approaches & grounded theory. It will be adapted in function of the requirements of the participants.

Form of teaching

Presentations, discussions, groupwork

Form of evaluation

Internal evaluation. Presentation and discussion of the methods chosen for the research project (PhD students) and / or presentation and discussion of chosen methodological texts (MA & PhD students)

Learning goals

- To know the most important qualitative and mixed research methodologies in social work
- To critically discuss methodological social work research texts
- To be able to formulate a consistent methodological social work research frame work
- To place the discussed social work research methodologies within the broader field of social sciences

Transferable skills

- To critically discuss methodological research texts
- To be able to formulate a consistent methodological research frame work

Pre-condition and registration

Registration as a PhD student at a Swiss university or pedagogical contract as a future PhD student of the ITTS. Registration at messagerie.itts@unine.ch until January 30, 2024.

Documentation & literature

All the documentation will be available on Moodle.

