



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 40113
Name: Market research techniques
Cycle: Master's Degree
ECTS Credits: 5
Academic year: 2025-26

STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
2114 - Master's Degree in Marketing and Market Research	Facultat d'Economia	1	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
2114 - Master's Degree in Marketing and Market Research	Specialty in market research	ELECTIVES

COORDINATION

CANTO PRIMO MONICA

SUMMARY

The Commercial Research Techniques subject presents the characteristics and application procedures of various research techniques applied to marketing. The course consists of three main topics divided into three blocks. The first theme focuses on new trends in business research techniques, specifically the application of neuroscience techniques to marketing and the use of GPT chat and artificial intelligence in business research. This topic concludes with the analysis of large volumes of data - Big Data. The second theme is focused on qualitative research techniques, specifically, the qualitative interview, the focus group and other recent qualitative techniques. The third theme delves into an observation technique -content analysis of digital sources- and explains different creative and projective techniques applied to digital marketing, with emphasis on association, completion and expressive techniques. All in all, the purpose of the Commercial Research Techniques subject is to present different research tools from a theoretical-practical approach, mainly of a qualitative nature.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.



OTHER REQUIREMENTS

In relation to other subjects of the same degree, no enrollment restrictions have been specified with other subjects of the curriculum. The previous knowledge is that of access to the Master. This subject together with those of "Causal Research Designs", "Advanced Statistics" and "Commercial Research Techniques" make up the specialty in Market Research.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to integrate new technologies in their professional and/or research work.

Critically analyse one's own work and that of colleagues.

Escoger la técnica de investigación de mercados adecuada al problema planteado.

Have a proactive attitude towards possible changes that may occur in their professional and/or investigative work.

Know how to write and prepare presentations to present and defend them later.

Poseer las habilidades de aprendizaje que les permitan continuar estudiando de un modo que habrá de ser en gran medida autodirigido o autónomo.

Presentar documentos e informes en marketing e investigación comercial.

Redactar documentos e informes en marketing e investigación comercial.

Saber aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y ser capaces de resolver problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio.

Saber comunicar sus conclusiones y los conocimientos y razones últimas que las sustentan a públicos especializados y no especializados de un modo claro y sin ambigüedades.

Saber realizar las labores propias de su profesión, tanto en empresas privadas como en organismos públicos.

Saber trabajar en equipo con eficacia y eficiencia.

Ser capaces de buscar, ordenar, analizar y sintetizar la información, seleccionando aquella que resulta pertinente para la toma de decisiones.

Ser capaces de integrar conocimientos y enfrentarse a la complejidad de formular juicios a partir de una información que, siendo incompleta o limitada, incluya reflexiones sobre las responsabilidades sociales y éticas vinculadas a la aplicación de sus conocimientos y juicios.

Ser capaces de seleccionar y desarrollar en su defecto herramientas de análisis del mercado.



Ser capaces de tomar decisiones tanto individuales como colectivas en su labor profesional y/o investigadora.

Students should possess and understand foundational knowledge that enables original thinking and research in the field.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. New trends in marketing research techniques

- 1.1. Application of neuroscience techniques to marketing
- 1.2. The use of secondary sources: GPT chat and artificial intelligence
- 1.3. Analysis of large volumes of data and data generated automatically or by users

2. Qualitative techniques

- 2.1. Characteristics of qualitative techniques
- 2.2. Fields of application of qualitative techniques in market research
- 2.3. Project and planning of a market study with qualitative techniques
- 2.4. The semi-structured interview
- 2.5. The focus group (discussion group)
- 2.6. Other qualitative techniques and recent developments
- 2.7. Qualitative data analysis
- 2.8. The report of a qualitative study

3. Observation, creative and projective techniques applied to digital marketing

- 3.1. Content analysis of digital sources
- 3.2. Creative process
- 3.3. Creative techniques for innovation
- 3.4. Projective tests
- 3.5. Association techniques
- 3.6. Completion techniques
- 3.7. Expressive techniques

**WORKLOAD****PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Seminar	5,00
Computer classroom practice	35,00
Total hours	40,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	6,00
Preparation of lessons	59,00
Preparation for assessment activities	20,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	85,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Theoretical classes participatory master class

Resolution of practical cases

All activities are NOT recoverable.

The proposed methodology can be developed both in person and remotely if the circumstances require it.

EVALUATION

Final exam - 25%

Group work - 25%

Attendance and participation - 15%

Delivery of practices within the established deadlines - 25%

Oral presentation - 10%

All evaluation activities are NOT recoverable. It is mandatory to achieve a minimum of 50% of the grade in each of the blocks to pass the course. Students are encouraged to attend all classes

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