

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 43910**Name:** Research and certification of scientific knowledge**Cycle:** Master's Degree**ECTS Credits:** 4**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
2178 - Master's Degree in Research and Intervention in Physical Activity and Sport	Facultat de Ciències de l'Activitat Física i Esports	1	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

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2178 - Master's Degree in Research and Intervention in Physical Activity and Sport	Research and certification of scientific knowledge	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The main purpose of the M1 module is to provide the methodological knowledge necessary to afford a research in Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. The M1 module has an advanced level corresponding to a research master and gather common knowledge to M2 and M3 modules.

The content of the module deals with the main aspects of a research and certification of the scientific knowledge: a) the different types of evaluation and the quality indicators of such knowledge; b) the communication of the knowledge produced through some type of written document and its publication, considering research articles as the outstanding role in such communication process; c) the access to the information through data bases, the visibility of research publication and the impact of the scientific production, as well as the role journals play in the study of science; and d) the role paradigms of research play in the scientific activity of a multidisciplinary field like the Physical Activity and Sport Sciences.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

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



OTHER REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Comprender el sentido y utilidad de los paradigmas en el campo multidisciplinar de las ciencias de la actividad física y el deporte.

Conocer las características y fundamentos que conforman los diferentes paradigmas presentes en la investigación sobre ciencias de la actividad física y el deporte

Students should apply acquired knowledge to solve problems in unfamiliar contexts within their field of study, including multidisciplinary scenarios.

Students should be able to integrate knowledge and address the complexity of making informed judgments based on incomplete or limited information, including reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgments.

Students should demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.

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

To analyze examples of scientific documents according to certain quality criteria.

To analyze various types of research and relate them to the paradigms.

To apply knowledge and be able to solve problems in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related Physical Activity and Sport Sciences.

To identify new problems related to physical activity and sport that can be studied through applied research.

To know the types of evaluation in science and the role scientific journals play in the communication of research.

To understand and analyze the research being done in the context of exercise and health, physical education and sport, and sports performance and management of physical activity and sport.

To understand the connections between the different epistemological levels of an inquiry.

To understand the role of databases in the information access, the visibility of science and its contribution to the study of science.

To use major documentary techniques for literature search.



DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. The communication of the knowledge: the outstanding role of the scientific journals.

- 1.1. Certified knowledge and the cycle of knowledge construction.
- 1.2. The scientific articles as the main documents of research production.
- 1.3. The scientific journals: characteristics, contents and structure.
- 1.4. The role of scientific journals in the transference of knowledge.

2. The evaluation of the scientific knowledge (ex ante and ex post) and indicators of quality.

- 2.1. Research evaluation and the system of science.
- 2.2. Indicators of quality in the scientific evaluation and types of indicators.

3. The data bases in the research: access to the information, visibility of the production and source of studies of science.

- 3.1. Documentary data bases: structure and use.
- 3.2. Criteria of selection of journals used by the international data bases.
- 3.3. Visibility and impact.

4. Paradigm and science: the research paradigms in a multidisciplinary field

- 4.1. What is a paradigm?
- 4.2. Normal science and abnormal science in social sciences.
- 4.3. Physical Activity and SportSciences as a multidisciplinary field.

5. The research paradigms in Physical Activity and SportSciences: epistemological, ontological and theoretical characteristics, and validity

- 5.1. Positivist paradigm, symbolic, critical, feminist and postmodernist.
- 5.2. Epistemology, ontology, theories, methodology and validity.

6. The paradigms as matrix of coherence between theories, models, methods and instruments

- 6.1. Relation between theory, models, methods and instruments.
- 6.2. Basic assumptions, theory, intention, conception of the reality, causality, knowledge, formalism and validity.

**WORKLOAD****PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Theory	18,00
Computer classroom practice	8,00
Total hours	26,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	50,00
Independent study and work	25,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	75,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodologies and students' tasks will depend on the type of activity to be done:

- Teachers lectures on different contents (theoretical lessons).
- Discussion in small and big group of students with and without intervention of the teachers.
- Individual mentorship and seminars for data bases search and search in other sources of information.
- Study (oneself and guided).
- Presentations.
- Mentorship meetings.

EVALUATION

Module assessment will developed by:

- The participation in the activities during classes and individual theoretical and practical writing assignment.



- The completion of a written practical cases of individual character.

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