

NAME OF THE COURSE		Research Methodology				
Code	PMB705	Year of study	1.			
Course teacher	Željana Fredotović, PhD, Assistant Professor	Credits (ECTS)	4,0			
Associate teachers		Type of instruction (number of hours)	L	S	E	F
			15	15	15	
Status of the course	mandatory	Percentage of application of e-learning	40%			
COURSE DESCRIPTION						
Course objectives	To introduce students with basic knowledge about different scientific research designs and methods. Students will learn to use online library reference sources and services, and learn how to set up a research study- from constructing the hypotheses to formulation of a research plan (methods and techniques), data analysis, writing the paper and finally presenting it.					
Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course	None.					
Learning outcomes expected at the level of the course (4 to 10 learning outcomes)	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand different scientific research designs and methods • Learn how to set up a research study • Learn how to search online science databases and to use scientific literature • Understand correct ways to refer to and cite from scientific literature • Be able to analyse, compare and review scientific literature 					
Course content broken down in detail by weekly class schedule (syllabus)	<p>Lectures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction to research process: What is a research, different research approaches, importance of scientific research, scientific methods, research process, features of a good research design (2 hours) 2) Searching online science databases. Using the scientific literature and correct citing of scientific literature (3 hours) 3) Research plan: identifying a hypothesis or a research problem, creating a research question, reviewing literature, prepare research design (methods and experiments) (3 hours) 4) Sampling, measurements, experiments (2 hours) 5) Data collection and analysis (2 hours) 6) Interpretation of data, paper writing and presentation (3 hours) <p>Seminar:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Students must prepare a proposal for their own research project. The students should address a procedure for collecting, analysing and reporting the data. Their research proposal should include a sample design, data collection methods, data description and, if required, statistical analysis technique employed. Each student must present his research proposal to other students and initiate discussion (15 hours) <p>Laboratory exercises:</p>					

	1) Students will perform some of the experimental methods from their research proposal (15 hours)					
Format of instruction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lectures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> seminars and workshops <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exercises <input type="checkbox"/> <i>on line</i> in entirety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> partial e-learning <input type="checkbox"/> field work			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> independent assignments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> multimedia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> work with mentor <input type="checkbox"/> (other)		
Student responsibilities	Students presence in the amount of at least 70% of scheduled lectures and laboratory exercises and preparation of seminar work on their own.					
Screening student work (<i>name the proportion of ECTS credits for each activity so that the total number of ECTS credits is equal to the ECTS value of the course</i>)	Class attendance	0,5	Research		Practical training	
	Experimental work	0,5	Report		(Other)	
	Essay		Seminar essay	1,5	(Other)	
	Tests		Oral exam		(Other)	
	Written exam	1,5	Project		(Other)	
Grading and evaluating student work in class and at the final exam	Grading will be conducted based on the seminar work and its presentation, and the final written exam.					
Required literature (available in the library and via other media)	Title			Number of copies in the library	Availability via other media	
	Quinn, G.P. 2002. Experimental design and data analysis for biologists. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge					
	Laake, P., Benestad, H., Olsen B. 2007. Research methodology in the medical and biological sciences. Academic Press					
Optional literature (at the time of submission of study programme proposal)	1. Marušić, M. Uvod u znanstveni rad u medicini. 2013. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb. 2. McMillan, V.E. Writing papers in the biological sciences. 1997. Bedford Books, Boston 3. Silobrčić, V. 2008. Kako sastaviti, objaviti i ocijeniti znanstveno djelo. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb					
Quality assurance methods that ensure the acquisition of exit competences	Students questionnaire.					
Other (as the proposer wishes to add)						