

**Programme of Postgraduate Studies (MA) «CRIMINOLOGY»
Dpt. of Sociology**

3rd Semester: Epistemological Issues of Criminology (Code M007)

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1. Outline and Structure of the course

The course analyses key methodological and epistemological issues and their impact on criminological research. The curriculum is focused on enabling students to consolidate their knowledge acquired during the previous semesters. Therefore, it examines longstanding questions in criminology concerning its subject and methods, embedded in those of general social sciences (sociology), as well as integrated in philosophical schemes and the consequent methods.

2. The topics of the course are

1) The relation between theory and method, **2)** Methods of research- Quantitative, qualitative: the philosophical background; Methods and techniques – reliability; Historical - comparative approach, **3)** Philosophical and sociological streams, and their criminological applications, **4)** The role of theory and its functions- The role of theory and research in criminology, **5)** The relation of criminology with criminal law and sociology, **6)** The “Criminologies”, **7)** Criminology and criminal Justice: The Anglo-Saxon model; Total criminal science or criminal sciences: the central European model, **8)** Criminology as science, inter-, multi-disciplinarity, integration; The empirical - analytical example; the historical – hermeneutic example; the normative - ontological example; **9)** Modernity postmodernity, developments in theory and deadlocks.

3. Evaluation

Written examination at the end of the semester. The material of the course is distributed online and in hard copy.

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