

First Semester  
Methodology of criminological research  
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The subject has been designed to cover central theoretical and research issues of the criminological inquiry. During the seminars the basic research methods, tools and instruments are examined mainly through specific examples of criminological research studies. Specific emphasis is placed to the relationship of theory and method and the unquestionable contribution of the philosophical and ideological aspects to the research design and outcomes. The subject is technically divided to include quantitative and qualitative research on crime and deviance while certain important issues are dealt with, as, indicatively, the impact of the 'dark figure', the research instruments per se, the internal and external validity of survey attempts, the management of statistical pools of number data, the use of controls, the significance of media research or of case studies, etc. Finally, students are acquainted with basic epistemological and practical problems of doing criminological research and certain mechanisms to overcome them.