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6. Recommended Prior Knowledge

7. Student Outcomes

Specific Student Outcomes

CA02(G) Find the key questions to be answered to solve a complex problem.
CB11(G) Systematic understanding of a field of study and mastery of the skills and research methods related to that field.
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OC02(E) Elaborate hypotheses, set objectives and define protocols based on the scientific method.
CG10(E) Ability to critically analyze and evaluate own's own results as well as those obtained by other researchers.
CG9(E) Ability to understand research methodologies and techniques and their applications within the field of research.
CB14(G) Ability to critically analyze, evaluate and synthesize new and complex ideas.

UPV-Generic Student Outcomes

(01) Comprehension and integration
(09) Critical thinking
(11) Life-long learning

8. Syllabus

1. Approach to qualitative methodologies
2. Basic techniques of qualitative research
   1. Participant observation
   2. The qualitative interview
   3. Discussion groups
   4. The use of documents
3. Qualitative analysis
8. Syllabus

4. Research-Action-Participative

9. Teaching and Learning Methodologies

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10. Assessment

Outline

(05) Academic studies
(03) Achievement tests (multiple choice)

Num. Acts | Weight (%) |
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1 | 80 |
4 | 20 |

At the end of each thematic unit, the student must take a multiple-choice test to verify the understanding of the main concepts. These tests will count a total of 20% of the final grade.

The student must also choose between: 1) Perform an academic work, or 2) Take a written exam on the day and date set for that purpose by the Doctoral School. This will count for a total of 80% of the final grade.