



Teaching Guide

Identifying Data				2017/18
Subject (*)	Research in Health Sciences II	Code	653862236	
Study programme	Mestrado Universitario en Asistencia e Investigación Sanitaria (plan 2012)			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Official Master's Degree	2nd four-month period	First	Obligatoria	6
Language	Spanish			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
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Web	www.mastermais.udc.es/?page_id=197#Materia02			
General description				

Study programme competences / results

Code	Study programme competences / results
A1	Capacidade para elixir e aplicar as metodoloxías de investigación mais adecuadas á investigación proposta.
A2	Capacidade para o deseño experimental e o completo desenvolvemento de proxectos de investigación no ámbito sanitario, desde a formulación da hipótese de investigación ata a comunicación dos resultados.
A4	Obter un substrato teórico suficiente para comprender o entorno clínico de aplicación das técnicas de investigación.
A5	Adquirir o coñecemento da realidade investigadora nun ámbito concreto das ciencias da saúde.
B1	Capacidade para aplicar o método científico na planificación e o desenvolvemento da investigación sanitaria.
B2	Fluidez e propiedade na comunicación científica oral e escrita.
B3	Compromiso pola calidade do desenvolvemento da actividade investigadora.
B4	Capacidade de análise e de síntese.
B5	Habilidade para manexar distintas fontes de información.
C1	Expresarse correctamente, tanto de forma oral coma escrita, nas linguas oficiais da comunidade autónoma.
C2	Dominar a expresión e a comprensión de forma oral e escrita dun idioma estranxeiro.
C3	Utilizar as ferramentas básicas das tecnoloxías da información e as comunicacións (TIC) necesarias para o exercicio da súa profesión e para a aprendizaxe ao longo da súa vida.
C6	Valorar criticamente o coñecemento, a tecnoloxía e a información dispoñible para resolver os problemas cos que deben enfrontarse.
C7	Asumir como profesional e cidadán a importancia da aprendizaxe ao longo da vida.
C8	Valorar a importancia que ten a investigación, a innovación e o desenvolvemento tecnolóxico no avance socioeconómico e cultural da sociedade.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Study programme competences / results		
Data analysis: Introduction to the advanced statistical tools required for multivariate analysis and modelling of relationships among variables.	AR1 AR2 AR4	BC1 BC4	CC3 CC6 CC7 CC8



Evidence-based clinical practice	AR1 AR4	BC1 BC3 BC4 BC5	CC1 CC2 CC3 CC7
To know the basic principles of meta-analysis.	AR4 AR5	BC2 BC4 BC5	CC1 CC6

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
1. Association between two categorical variables	Basic concepts. Chi-squared and McNemar tests.
2. Simple linear regression	Simple linear correlation Fitting a simple linear regression Measures of goodness of fit Model diagnostics
3. Multiple linear regression	Variables selection Interaction Multicollinearity Comparison of models
4. Analysis of covariance	Introduction Fit of regression lines with different slopes Fit of regression lines with equal slopes
5. Logistic regression	Introduction Examples Goodness of fit Model selection
6. Survival analysis	Introduction to censored data Survival function: Kaplan-Meier estimator Comparison of survival functions: log-rank test
7.1. Evidence Based Practice	Introduction. Research implications. Main Documents typology.
7.2. Levels of Evidences	Levels of evidence and recommendations degree Evidence tables
7.3. Clinical Practice Guidelines	Definition. Tipologies Guidelines localization
7.4. Systematic Reviews	Definition Tipologies Systematic Reviews localization
8. Meta-analysis	Overview. Effect size. Statistical models. Quantification of heterogeneity. Publication bias. Meta-regression.

Planning



Methodologies / tests	Competencies / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Document analysis	A4 A5 B4 B5 C3 C6	20	50	70
Introductory activities	B6 B7 C3	12	30	42
Seminar	A1	4	12	16
Collaborative learning	B6 B7 C4 C5 C7 C8	4	12	16
Supervised projects	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 C1 C2 C6	2	4	6
Personalized attention		0	0	0

(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Document analysis	Learning through online material: recorded keynote speeches, videos, presentations and complementary pdf files.
Introductory activities	Online monitoring and personalized attention tools: forums and debates.
Seminar	Face to face seminars where students will be able to solve questions and problems.
Collaborative learning	Continuous evaluation through some of the following tools: exams, exercises, involvement with the virtual classroom, etc.
Supervised projects	Final academic work where students must demonstrate their theoretical and methodological knowledge of the contents. Works will be requested in virtual format and computer support.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Introductory activities Supervised projects Seminar	Personalized attention is inherent in the methodologies used'

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Supervised projects	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 C1 C2 C6	Final academic work where the students should show their theoretical and methodological knowledge of the contents.	50
Collaborative learning	B6 B7 C4 C5 C7 C8	Exams, delivered exercises, involvement with the virtual classroom.	50

Assessment comments
<p>The subject is formed by 3 blocks: Block A, Data analysis (units 1-6), Block B, Systematic reviews (units 7.1-7.4), and Block C, Meta-analysis (unit 8). The weight of each block in the final mark is: Block A, 50%; Block B, 25%; and Block C, 25%.</p> <p>Only in case that the student has not been evaluated in any of the three blocks, the final mark will be "ABSENT".</p> <p>The student will not pass the subject if the mark of any of the blocks is lower than 3 (in a 0-10 scale), or if it is missing. Otherwise, the final mark of the subject will be the sum of the weighted marks of the corresponding blocks.</p> <p>The three blocks are independent, that is, the mark of one block is not affected by the mark/s of the other block/s.</p> <p>The assessment of each block is based on the delivery of exercises and/or essays, with the possibility of in-person exams. The instructions regarding the delivery of exercises and/or essays will be published on moodle.udc.es before the beginning of each block.</p> <p>Concerning repeating students, the different marks of previous academic years will not be kept.</p>

Sources of information



Basic	<p>Temas 1-3 Metodología de la investigación (FISTERRA) http://www.fisterra.com/formacion/metodologia-investigacion/Material docente de la Unidad de Bioestadística Clínica del Hospital Universitario Ramón y Cajal. http://www.hrc.es/bioest/M_docente.html Artículos de Bioestadística de la SEH-LELHA http://www.seh-lelha.org/stat1.htm Gerard E. Dallal. The little handbook of statistical practice. http://www.jerrydallal.com/LHSP/LHSP.htm (Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00847SM6A) Temas 4-8 CASPe Herramientas - Critical Appraisal Skills Programme Español Medidas de Asociación e Impacto. http://www.redcaspe.org/que-hacemos/herramientas/ Sobrido Prieto M. La Biblioteca Cochrane plus: guía breve de uso. Santiago de Compostela: Biblosaude; 2009 disponible en: http://www.sergas.es/Docs/Biblosaude/GuiaBibliotecaCochranePlus.pdf Casal Acción B, Ríos Neira M, Sobrido Prieto M. Guía de uso de CRD Databases. Plan de Calidad el Sistema Nacional de Salud del Ministerio de Sanidad y Política Social. Axencia de Avaliación de Tecnoloxías Sanitarias de Galicia; 2012. Guías de Recursos de Información: nº 1. Disponible en: http://www.sergas.es/docs/Avalia-t/guia-uso-CRD.pdf Sobrido Prieto M. Guía de uso de la base de datos Trip. [internet] Santiago de Compostela: Biblosaude; 2011. Disponible en: http://www.sergas.es/Docs/Biblosaude/GUIA%20DE%20USO%20TRIPDATABASE.pdf Sitio Web de R: http://www.r-project.org/Sitio Web de Cochrane Collaboration: http://www.cochrane.org/</p>
Complementary	

Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Preparing a Research Project II: Development/653862202

Statistics Applied to Health Sciences/653862206

Clinical Research I/653862232

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Other comments

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