

## **Research Methods**

In this course you will have the opportunity to establish or advance your understanding of the research process. We will begin by establishing which are the reliable scientific resources and how to review the existing literature. This will be helpful in identifying significant gaps, coming up with novel and important research questions to investigate, and preparing a research proposal. We will also discuss different research methodologies within quantitative and qualitative paradigms including, among others, interviews, focus groups, diaries, and surveys. An important issue will be to debate on the ethical principles and challenges of the research activity and the relevant approval processes. During the semester, you will be asked to critically analyze published research, present a small research proposal and report on a completed research project that will be conducted by you.