

**Field of study: Political Economy, Master, full-time education**

**Discipline: Основы исследовательской деятельности (Research and Writing)**

**Annotation**

*Laboriousness:* 2 ECTS, 72 academic hours

*Summary*

The course aims to equip students with the necessary skills to write reports, essays, and research papers and to carry out their independent research project - a dissertation by the end of their academic programmes. The teaching sessions are to familiarise students with the concept of methodology for research projects, components of methodology and significance of methodology in a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research.

*Purpose and objectives of the discipline*

**By the end of the course students are expected to know how to:**

- Comprehend a concept of methodology in research
- Write a methodology for a research project
- Write a literature review
- Design a research proposal
- Structure a research project
- Present and defend a research proposal
- Conduct a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research
- Chose appropriate components for the methodology and a research project
- Understand research skills, techniques and tools for conducting a research project
- Test a hypotheses
- Support central arguments
- Use evidence when constructing arguments and supporting a hypothesis
- Understand the place of quantitative and qualitative methods in research
- Use academic databases and academic sources
- Make accurate referencing and citations
- Collect primary and secondary data
- Do data coding and analysis
- Avoid plagiarism

*Relationship with other disciplines of the specialty*

Given course is interconnected with all the courses that are taught at the Master programs in Economics, because in all these courses there is a necessity to make researches and implement all the tools of research methodology.

*Requirements for the initial levels of knowledge and skills of students*

To be able to take this course students are expected to have basic knowledge in Microsoft Office and research methods and principles in Economics.