**Study programme(s):** Regional Master Program in Peace Studies

**Study level:** Graduate

**Course title:** Methodology of Peace Research

**Professor (Surname, middle initial, name):** Prof. Vasović D. Mirjana and Prof. Bešić Lj. Miloš

**Compulsory/Elective:** Compulsory

**Number of ECTS:** 6

**Aim of the course**
Providing essential knowledge in applied methods and techniques in the area of social sciences

**Outcome of the course**
After the course students will be capable

- To define research question in accordance to theoretical framework
- To use secondary data for their own research
- To use basic statistical methods in their research
- To use basic qualitative methods in their research

**Content of the course**
The course contain of 12 sessions. Each session is a complementary package of teaching and tutoring. In total, we will have 12 lectures (2 hours each) and the same number of tutoring, respectively. The content of the course is as follows:

1. Sources of data in peace researches (usage of international data sources, usage of secondary data)
2. Main epistemological issues in social research (objectivity, systematic, reliability, accuracy, empirical evidence; causality and functional relations as well as understanding)
3. The role of theory of peace in doing the research (conceptualization, creating theoretical framework, issue of theoretical adequacy)
4. Defining the research question (defining the problem of the research, main concepts, explicitly putting the research question)
5. Defining hypothesis (theoretical hypothesizing)
6. Operationalization and defining working hypothesis (transforming theoretical concepts into indicators)
7. Quantitative approach in social research (advantages and disadvantages, case analysis)
8. Basic statistical methods in social sciences – univariate and multivariate statistics, using scales in social research
9. Qualitative approach (advantages and disadvantages, main problems, epistemological basics)
10. Method: individual and group interview
11. Method: content analysis (structural and substantial)
12. Writing scientific paper

**Literature**
a) compulsory

b) additional

**Number of classes of active teaching:**

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**Teaching methods**
Lecturing, Tutoring

Independent work of students:
- Homework for each session (tutoring): 2 hours per homework, in total 24 hours
- Producing final paper (25-30 pages), based on own research: 34 hours

**Assessment of knowledge (maximum no. of points 100)**

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