

Syllabus

Course Description

Course Title	Innovative and Integrated Methodologies in Health and Social Care
Course Code	53156
Course Title Additional	
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	GSPS-05/A
Language	German
Degree Course	Master in Social Work and Social Policy
Other Degree Courses (Loaned)	
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Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
Course Year/s	2
CP	6
Teaching Hours	0
Lab Hours	60
Individual Study Hours	90
Planned Office Hours	18
Contents Summary	The module develops practical and theoretical skills in innovative and integrated methodologies through labs and courses on participatory approaches, digital technologies, AI, and innovative strategies for social and health innovation.

Course Topics	The module includes three practical units: 1) Innovative methods in social work, 2) Integrated approaches in community work, 3) Digitalization and AI in health and social care. The labs promote the application of participatory strategies to develop social innovations. Ethical, social, and technological aspects are integrated to equip students with skills to create and implement innovative solutions in social and health contexts.
Keywords	
Recommended Prerequisites	
Propaedeutic Courses	
Teaching Format	
Mandatory Attendance	In accordance with the regulation
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning Outcomes	- Understand digital transformation in health and social care - Apply AI technologies in practical cases - Reflect on ethical and privacy aspects - Evaluate social and organizational impacts - Understand integrated approaches in community work - Apply social space-oriented methods - Promote participation and empowerment - Build networks and collaborations - Understand and apply innovative social work methods - Integrate digital tools and AI in practice - Design co-creative and participatory processes - Reflect on theory-practice integration - analyze digital and AI-supported applications in healthcare - develop practical solutions considering ethical guidelines - evaluate privacy and social aspects - reflect on challenges of digital transformation - analyze social space-oriented methods and their impact - develop strategies for participatory development - evaluate the importance of empowerment and networks - reflect on practical implementation challenges - analyze innovative methods and their impact in social work - develop digital and participatory practice approaches - evaluate challenges of digitalization - reflect on collaboration between science and practice
Specific Educational	

Objectives and Learning Outcomes (additional info.)	
Assessment	
Evaluation Criteria	
Required Readings	
Supplementary Readings	
Further Information	
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	

Course Module

Course Constituent Title	Innovative Methodologies in Social Work Practice (lab.)
Course Code	53156A
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	GSPS-05/A
Language	German
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Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
CP	2
Responsible Lecturer	
Teaching Hours	0
Lab Hours	20
Individual Study Hours	30
Planned Office Hours	6
Contents Summary	Introduction to innovative methods in social work: participatory approaches, digital tools, and research informed practice development. Focus on theory-practice integration.
Course Topics	In-depth study of participatory methods such as community work and social space orientation. Use of digital technologies and AI to foster social innovations. Analysis of participative and innovative concepts (e.g., Design Thinking) and co-creative processes.

	Reflection on challenges of digitalization and science-practice collaboration.
Teaching Format	
Required Readings	
Supplementary Readings	

Course Module

Course Constituent Title	Integrated Community Care (lab.)
Course Code	53156B
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	GSPS-05/A
Language	German
Lecturers	Prof. Sigrid Mairhofer, sigrid.mairhofer@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/education/academic-staff/person/11703
Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
CP	2
Responsible Lecturer	
Teaching Hours	0
Lab Hours	20
Individual Study Hours	30
Planned Office Hours	6
Contents Summary	Practical lab on integrated approaches in community work: social space-oriented methods, participation, empowerment, and network building. Focus on holistic and sustainable development.
Course Topics	In-depth study of social space-oriented methods such as social space analysis, participatory planning, collective empowerment, and network development. Case analysis of successful integrated strategies. Discussion of practical challenges.
Teaching Format	
Required Readings	
Supplementary Readings	

Course Module

Course Constituent Title	Digitalisation and AI in Health and Social Care (lab.)
Course Code	53156C
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	GSPS-05/A
Language	German
Lecturers	Dr. rer. biol. hum. Barbara Plagg, Barbara.Plagg@unibz.it
Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
CP	2
Responsible Lecturer	
Teaching Hours	0
Lab Hours	20
Individual Study Hours	30
Planned Office Hours	6
Contents Summary	Study of digitalization and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in health and social care. Focus on opportunities, challenges, and ethical aspects
Course Topics	Analysis of AI applications, and administrative processes. Practical testing of digital tools and reflection on privacy, ethics, and social impacts. Study of living labs and innovation projects in health and social care.
Teaching Format	
Required Readings	
Supplementary Readings	