**Preliminary Seminar to the BA Thesis**

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– Introduction: Planning a research project and the scope of investigation; the scientific-disciplinary fields, conformity with the degree class and study plan (*piano degli studi*).

– Bibliographic research (led by the university library service).

* University library: services and portal, OPAC and discovery tools
* Research methodology - basic and advanced. Subject area resources
* Use of materials: copyright basics
* The bibliography: data and rules, bibliography managers: *RefWorks*

– Scientific-disciplinary data sheets

– Research methodology and techniques in the humanities

– Writing and discussing a degree thesis. Personal project, rules on text composition, objectives. Skills in expressing and justifying arguments

Course materials and bibliographical information will be accessible on Blackboard.

Attendance is strongly encouraged.

***TEACHING METHOD AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Frontal lectures and training in the use of the resources of the university library. By the end of the course and *subsequent personal study*, students will be able to design their thesis by identifying the question they intend to answer, the available data and the disciplinary or multidisciplinary context; students will have learned how to find specific bibliographic and documentary resources, how to outline their hypotheses with respect to the status quaestionis and how to plan the basic structure of their work, which will naturally be supervised by the relevant lecturer.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Preparation and submission to the lecturer one week before the oral examination of a data sheet on the selected scientific-disciplinary field. Oral exam to assess knowledge of the contents of the seminar and of the materials made available on Blackboard, preceded by an on-line test, as part of the exam, on the use of the library system and on writing bibliographies. There will be a single final mark broken down as follows: 30% test, 40% data sheet and 30% oral exam.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

As this is an introductory course, it has no prerequisites in terms of contents. Students are nevertheless expected to be interested in conducting a personal research project and possess critical skills.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG, or on the Faculty notice board.