

Course Unit	Data Analysis	Field of study	Mathematics
Master in	Management - Health Services Management	School	School of Technology and Management
Academic Year	2019/2020	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - , TP 42, PL - , TC - , S 3, E - , OT - , O -
Level	2-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	5009-517-1105-00-19		

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Apply research methods for data collection, ability to prepare and analyse quantitative and qualitative information;
2. Develop and to understand the rules of the questionnaire design;
3. Apply the appropriate statistical techniques to the information collected;
4. Analyze and to interpret the results of the application of statistical methods, using the statistical software;
5. Interpret, to formalize and to solve organizational problems with support of statistical tools and data analysis;
6. Develop logical, critical and analytic reasoning in a creative way.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Apply concepts of real analysis and statistics;
2. Use computational tools and browsers;
3. Be fluent in both oral and written English.

Course contents

Data collection methods. Constructing the questionnaire. Building the database supported by statistical software. The data analysis: Applying the statistical methods.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Data collection methods
 - The research proposal
 - Types of research
 - Sources of information
 - Tools and methods for data collection
 - Sampling methods. Sample size
2. Constructing the questionnaire
 - Preliminary study
 - Questionnaire design
 - The questions: scales of measurement
 - The questions: types and problems
 - Building the questionnaire for measure the latent variables
 - Prepare the final questionnaire
3. Building the database
 - General vision of statistical software
 - Editing and manipulating files
 - Data handling and presentation
 - Transforming variables
 - Additional exercises using the statistical software
4. The data analysis: Applying the statistical methods
 - Univariate and bivariate analysis
 - Multivariate analysis

Recommended reading

1. Bacon-Shone, J. (2015). Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods. Graduate School, The University of Hong Kong.
2. Lisboa, J., Augusto, M., & Ferreira, P. (2012). Estatística aplicada à Gestão. Vida Económica.
3. Machado, I., Costa, J., & Rodrigues, A. (2013). O essencial do questionário: preparação, recolha e tratamento de dados em SPSS (1.ª Ed.). Porto: IPAM.
4. Maroco, J. (2018). Análise Estatística com o SPSS Statistics. ReportNumber, Lisboa.
5. Smith, S., & Albaun, G. (2013). Basic Marketing Research. Qualtrics Labs, Inc.

Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical-practical classes with audiovisual resources. This course is based on "learning by doing", involving active participation of the student via interventions, individual and team work and problem solving. Real-life case studies are incorporated into lectures to provide opportunities for students to apply theory into practice in a real-life context.

Assessment methods

1. Alternative A - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Practical Work - 50%
 - Final Written Exam - 50%
2. Alternative B - (Regular, Student Worker) (Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

1. Portuguese
2. English

Electronic validation

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