

Open Faculty of Economic and Social Politics



OPES2200 Analysis of scientific texts and preliminary works for the dissertation

[45h] 6 credits

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Language: French

Level: Second cycle

Aims

For this course, the students will be able, at the end of the preparatory year to the master years, to develop a synthesis of reference scientific publications in the social, economic and/or political areas, to detect the intentions and the elements structuring the scientific reasoning and to work out an argued criticism. At the end of the first and second master years, the students will be able to delimit a research field, to specify the priority disciplinary angle, to define a specific object of research, to seek and choose a relevant theoretical framework, to outline their working hypotheses and to direct their methodological choices.

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