

## Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences



### SOC2137 Methods of qualitative analysis in sociology 1: structural method

[30h] 4 credits

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**Language:** French  
**Level:** Second cycle

#### Aims

The course aims to provide students with a practical and intellectual understanding of the structural content analysis procedures applicable to various kinds of concrete material, in a sociological perspective and according to genuinely sociological analytical issues.

#### Content and teaching methods

Students will have to deal with concrete observation materials selected for didactic purposes and staggered in appropriate sequences, and they will be expected to experiment with kinds of descriptive formalisation that are appropriate to these materials, and for the purposes of sociological analysis. These kinds of formalism will be gradually systematised in terms of an analytical axiomatic. The underlying epistemological perspectives will be identified and criticised.

The particular approach taken by the analysis will also be situated and evaluated in relation to other possible approaches. The form in which the data are reconstructed according to the procedure adopted will lead to them be re-interpreted in terms of concepts that are appropriate to sociological analysis. The constitution of the matching summations of observation (data collection) will be covered simultaneously.

#### Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

At the end of the course, students will be asked to present their own summary of the key features in terms that are accessible to third parties. It will be illustrated with brief examples that they will choose themselves, and in which they will demonstrate their application skills.

#### Other credits in programs

<b>SOC21</b>	Première licence en sociologie		
<b>SOC22</b>	Deuxième licence en sociologie		
<b>SOC2M1/AN</b>	Master en sociologie et anthropologie (option anthropologie)	(4 credits)	Mandatory
<b>SOC2M1/SO</b>	Master en sociologie et anthropologie (option sociologie)	(4 credits)	Mandatory