## Research methodology

**Credits:** 6  
**Semester:** 3 (ECN)  
**Compulsory:** Yes

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**Lecturers:** I. Taralova (ECN), all staff

**Objectives:**
This course is intended to provide the student with the necessary skills and tools to carry out and present a research topic. This course includes also the background study and collect information part for the master thesis topic, which will be completed during the fourth semester.

**Contents:**
- Research methodology,
- Written communication: reports, theses, journal & conference papers,
- Oral communication: research presentations, attending conference & presenting a paper,
- Setting goals and defining objectives of the thesis.

**Abilities:** After completing this course, the students will be able to:
- Research the background and literature relating to a specified subject,
- Identify key aspects of research work
- Use a range of techniques to research and collect information,
- Demonstrate an understanding on how research may be satisfactorily evaluated,
- Plan and prepare a research proposal,
- Deliver a satisfactory written report, including correct citation of related works and analysis,

**Assessment:** Written report about related work of his research topic (70%), oral presentation (30%).

**Recommended texts:**
- M. Polonsky, D. Waller, *Designing and Managing a Research Project*, Sage, 2005