

Module title		Abbreviation
Basics in empirical research for adult and continuing education		o6-AE-BEAE-252-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Professorship of Adult and Continuing Education		Institute of Pedagogy
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	(not) successfully completed	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
In this module, students learn the basics of empirical research methods that are relevant for research in the field of adult education/continuing education. This includes basic principles of empirical research methods as well as the development of survey designs (e.g. interviews, questionnaire surveys), data preparation (e.g. transcription, data cleansing), data selection (e.g. working with existing data sets), the development of evaluation methods (e.g. interview analysis, descriptive statistics) and the understanding of empirical studies. The module can be taken via the offerings of the Virtual University of Bavaria: https://www.vhb.org/studierende/ . Before booking courses, it is recommended to have the eligibility for recognition of the course confirmed via master-education@uni-wuerzburg.de.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The aim of the module is for students to understand the basic principles of empirical studies and to be able to assess whether studies follow these basic principles.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) written examination (60 to 120 minutes) or b) portfolio (10 to 15 pages) or c) seminar paper (10 to 15 pages) Language of assessment: English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Module can be accomplished via VHB modules; before the internship begins, approval must be obtained from the Professorship for Adult and Continuing Education.		
Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
Teaching cycle: each semester		
Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (1 major) Adult Education and Management in Lifelong Education (2025)		