

ENGLISH VERSION

ROMANIAN-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY School of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Department of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

COMPETITION TOPICS for the position of Associate Professor, disciplines: Psychological Research Methodology I, Psychological Research Methodology II, and Developmental Psychology I

1. Psychological Research Methodology I a) Theoretical and methodological particularities of social sciences. Conceptual delimitations; b) Ethical issues. General principles of research on human subjects; c) Stages of scientific research. Goals and objectives in scientific research; d) Methods of psychological research: observation (definition, classifications, tools); e) Questionnaire-based survey (classification, questionnaire structure, errors); f) The interview as a research technique (interview guide, researcher's attitude).

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2. Psychological Research Methodology II a) Biographical method and the analysis of activity products; b) Psychological test (definitions, classifications, individual and group tests); c) The psychological experiment. Types of experimental design; d) Case study and focus-group method; e) Sociometric method and critical incident method; f) The research report (structure and writing).

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3. Developmental Psychology I a) Object of study, research methods, and principles of interpretation in developmental psychology; b) Factors of psychological development and developmental stages; c) Prenatal development and birth (the newborn); d) Child development in the first year of life and the ante-preschool period (1-3 years); e) Preschool age (3-6/7 years) and play as a fundamental activity; f) Young school age (7-11/12 years); g) Puberty and adolescence (bio-psycho-social characteristics).

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