

**Doctoral degree field: Social Work**

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**Admission to doctoral studies in  
Social Work**

**Topics and bibliography**

**1. Criminological research and social work in the correctional field**

- 1.1. The relationship between criminological research, practice and anti-crime policy
- 1.2. Models of social reaction to the phenomenon of crime and the protection of victims

**2. Risk assessment and management within the probation system. The role of social work in the management of community sanctions**

- 2.1. The desistance paradigm and the risk-needs-responsibility model
- 2.2. Estimation / prediction of the risk of relapse or reiteration of criminal behavior
- 2.3. The victim's perspective in psychosocial assessment of the agressive behaviour
- 2.4. Case management in probation / surveillance and assistance in the application of non-custodial educational measures applicable to minors
- 2.5. Case management in probation / surveillance and social reintegration in the community sanctions applicable to adults

**3. Risk assessment and management in the custodial environment. The role of social assistance in sentence planning**

- 3.1. Psychosocial individualization in the case of the execution of custodial sentences / prison social assistance
- 3.2. Preparation for release and postpenal assistance
- 3.3. Standardization of rehabilitation programs in the field of reducing the risk of relapse in the desistance paradigm.

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#### **4. Sociology of medicine and socio-medical interventions oriented towards the protection of the family / patients**

- 4.1. Medical and social meanings of demographic indicators
- 4.2. Responsibility for reproduction / bioethical perspectives
- 4.3. Parental / maternal and paternal responsibility
- 4.4. Chronic pathologies and personalized socio-medical assistance
- 4.5. Socio-medical services integrated into community programs in the field of prophylaxis / combating chronic pathologies

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