

Master Thesis

Code: 42518
ECTS Credits: 9

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
4313300 Regional and Population Studies	OB	0	2

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)

Prerequisites

The remaining 51 master's credits must be passed, or signed up.

Objectives and Contextualisation

In this module the student will carry out an individual investigation under the supervision of a tutor on a topic related to the contents of the master, previously agreed upon; He will have to demonstrate his ability to propose research objectives, apply the appropriate methodologies and obtain learning results that respond to the objectives set, as well as to expose and defend the work done before a court.

Skills

- Apply critical concepts and advanced theoretical approaches to the study of land use and population
- Apply the different methodologies of geographic and demographic analysis at different territorial levels and population sizes
- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
- Detect the complexity of territorial and demographic dynamics and recognize the most efficient management mechanisms, particularly in conflict situations
- Integrate knowledge and use it to make judgements in complex situations, with incomplete information, while keeping in mind social and ethical responsibilities.
- Use English in different formats and contexts.
- Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.

Learning outcomes

1. Adapt analysis methodologies to the territorial scope of reference.
2. Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
3. Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
4. Detecting the complexity of demographic and territorial dynamics.
5. Establish purposeful conclusions for territorial and population management.
6. Evaluate the processes of territorial transformation and population using methodologies and tools related to theories of reference, able to measure the mechanisms of action and results.

7. Integrate knowledge and use it to make judgements in complex situations, with incomplete information, while keeping in mind social and ethical responsibilities.
8. Know and critically use the concepts and theoretical approaches that deal with the study of the territory and population.
9. Use English in different formats and contexts.
10. Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.
11. Use the most appropriate to the goals sources.
12. Using the most appropriate methodologies to research objectives.

Content

The module is structured in three blocks:

- Seminars of methodological training
- Elaboration of the Master's Final Project
- Defense of the Master's Final Project before a court

In the seminars, of obligatory assistance, the guidelines on methodologies to elaborate the TFM, the background of information and the models of presentation and defense are given. The main lines of work are presented and the students contact with tutors.

Elaboration of a research work on an unpublished topic is carried out in meetings between the student and the tutor. To be able to deliver the work and present it, you must have the tutor's approval.

The defense is done in a public act where the student presents his work to a court of three doctoral professors for 20 minutes and answers the questions asked by this court.

Methodology

The basic objective of this module is the development of a research project and its defense before a court. To carry it out, as shown in the Contents section, it is based on three activities: presentation seminars, work preparation and public defense.

The seminars are the only group activity, where generic work methodologies are shown and, depending on the orientation and theme of the TFM proposals, other more specific ones. The research and development of the TFM is carried out in personalized tutorials between student and tutor. Finally the public defense, that takes place on a fixed date for the end of the semester.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Estudio y trabajo personal	186	7.44	
Tutorial and seminar sessions; field trips; practical activities	33	1.32	

Evaluation

The TFM must be delivered to the module's teacher, always after the tutor's approval is given. The coordination of the master's degree will determine the date of defense of the work. The court will be made up of the tutor, as chairman, the coordinator of the master's degree, as secretary, and a member, who will be a PhD that their field of research is related to the presented work.

The student will have 20' to present the parts that he deems appropriate in his work so as to give way later to the interventions that the members of the court consider appropriate. The total approximate duration of the event will be 45 minutes.

The final qualification criteria will be based on the proposal of the members of the court, in which the work will have a final weight of 85% and the defense of 15%, always when the two parts are passed.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Delivery of work	85%	5	0.2	1, 6, 8, 4, 5, 7, 3, 10, 11, 12
Presentation and defense	15%	1	0.04	9, 2

Bibliography

For each final project, the recommended and compulsory readings will be given, if applicable, and other references from the publications of the most recent results.