

Master's Degree Dissertation

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ECTS Credits: 9

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
4317520 Territorial Studies and Planning	OB	0	2

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Teaching groups languages

You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject. Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2023.

Prerequisites

You must have passed, or enrolled, the remaining 51 credits of the master's degree.

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's degree, previously agreed; he / she must demonstrate his / her ability to set research objectives, apply the appropriate methodologies and obtain learning outcomes that meet the objectives set, as well as to present and defend the work done in court.

Learning Outcomes

- CA33 (Competence) Solve territorial and urban transformation processes by using methodologies and instruments related to reference theories, which are capable of measuring the mechanisms of action and their results.
- CA34 (Competence) Organise assignments set by the subject using scientific innovation.
- CA35 (Competence) Focus the chosen field of study from a gender perspective.
- KA34 (Knowledge) Present the main legislations related to the territory, its planning and urban planning.
- KA35 (Knowledge) Select presentation and defence methods that best suit the field of study.
- SA29 (Skill) Explore the most appropriate research methodologies for the proposed objectives.
- SA30 (Skill) Compare analysis methodologies to the territorial area in question.

Content

The module is structured in three blocks:

- Methodological training seminars
- Elaboration of the Final Master's Thesis
- Labor defense in court

The seminars, of obligatory attendance, give the guidelines on methodologies to elaborate the TFM, fund of information and models of presentation and defense. The main lines of work in which the works must be registered are set out and the students are put in contact with tutors.

The elaboration of a research work on an unpublished topic is carried out in meetings between the student and the tutor. In order to submit the work and submit it, you must have the approval of the tutor.

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

Methodology

The basic objective of this module is the preparation of a research paper and its defense before a court.

To carry this out, as shown in the Contents section, work is based on three activities: training seminars, work preparation and public advocacy.

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 preparation of the TFM is carried out in personalized tutorials between student and tutor. Finally, the public defense that takes place on a date set for the end of the semester.

During the first semester the teacher of the module will show the work topics offered by the teaching staff and the students will be able to choose the topic and teacher. If student demand exceeds the supply of subjects and teachers, the choice will be made in order of grades obtained in the first semester.

The work will be prepared in the form of a scientific article

Exceptionally and with reason, if the student, in agreement with his or her tutor, chooses to do so in memory format, during the training seminars the sections in which the work must be written will be detailed, the extension, etc.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Workshops and seminars	25	1	CA33, KA34, KA35, SA30, CA33
Type: Supervised			
Tutorials	35	1.4	CA34, CA34
Type: Autonomous			
Elaboration of the work	120	4.8	CA33, KA34, KA35, SA29, SA30, CA33
Presentation and defense of the work	42	1.68	CA34, KA35, CA34

Assessment

The TFM must be handed in to the teacher of the module, always with the approval of the tutor. The coordination of the master's degree will set the date for the defense of the works within the month of July. This panel will be made up of a doctor whose field of research is related to the subject of the work presented and who will act as president, the coordinator of the master's degree, who will act as secretary, and a member, who will be the tutor.

The student will have 20 minutes to present the parts that he / she considers opportune of his / her work to give way later to the interventions of the members of the court. The approximate total duration of the event will be 45 minutes.

The grading criteria will be defined by rubrics that students will have available from the outset.

VERY IMPORTANT: Total or partial plagiarism of any of the exercises will automatically be considered a **SUSPENSION (0)** of the plagiarized exercise. **PLAGIARISM** is copying from unidentified sources of a text, be it a single sentence or more, which is passed off as own production (**THIS INCLUDES COPYING PHRASES OR FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERNET AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT PRESENTED AS ITS OWN**), and is a serious offense. It is necessary to learn to respect the intellectual property of others and to always identify the sources that can be used, and it is essential to take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of one's own text.

TFM subject cannot be followed by a single evaluation

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Delivery of work	75%	2	0.08	CA33, CA34, KA34, SA29
Presentation and defense of the work	25%	1	0.04	CA35, KA35, SA30

Bibliography

For each master's thesis, the tutor will give recommended and compulsory readings, if applicable, and others references of the publications of the most recent results.

Software

Each TFM may require specific software that must be assessed by students.