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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

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

Objectives and Contextualisation

The TFM is a research project, a study or a report that involves an integrative exercise of the training received throughout the degree. This exercise requires students to apply the knowledge, skills, attitudes and skills acquired throughout the master's degree to demonstrate the achievement of the educational and professional objectives of the degree. The TFM must be an original research paper in the strict sense. AEs may present it as a scientific article or as a classic research report. The writing of the TFM, whatever its purpose and form, must be clear, synthetic and academic.

Learning Outcomes

1. 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.
2. CA34 (Competence) Organise assignments set by the subject using scientific innovation.
3. CA35 (Competence) Focus the chosen field of study from a gender perspective.
4. KA34 (Knowledge) Present the main legislations related to the territory, its planning and urban planning.
5. KA35 (Knowledge) Select presentation and defence methods that best suit the field of study.
6. SA29 (Skill) Explore the most appropriate research methodologies for the proposed objectives.
7. SA30 (Skill) Compare analysis methodologies to the territorial area in question.

Content

The module is structured in three blocks:

1. Methodological training seminars

2. Elaboration of the Final Master's Thesis
3. 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- The elaboration of a research work on an unpublished topic is carried out in meetings between the student and the tutor.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.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Workshops and seminars	25	1	CA33, KA34
Type: Supervised			
Tutorials	35	1.4	CA34
Type: Autonomous			
Elaboration of the work	120	4.8	CA33, CA34, CA35, KA34, SA29, SA30
Presentation and defense of the work	42	1.68	KA35

Scheduled work monitoring and tutoring activities

In the presentation session, the dates on which the established phases must be carried out will be specified.

• Prior information meeting

The subject coordinator will organize a prior information meeting (October-November) to inform the students of the purpose of the TFM, the procedure to be followed for the assignment of tutor teachers, the preparation of the proposal and of the calendar

• Assignment of the topic and the teaching staff

Once the information meeting has been held, the subjects and the teachers who will tutor the work will be assigned (November-December). The students will have to analyze the topics suggested for the TFM to make their choice. In case of doubt, the subject coordinator will be responsible for guiding you and facilitating the first meeting with the tutor.

The students will select in order of preference three work topics from the offers in the subject and in case of greater demand than offer they will be awarded by the grade of the academic file for access to the master's degree.

• Delivery of proposals

Students will submit a TFM proposal, which will show the specific study topic they propose and a description of the reason for interest.

The proposal will be reviewed and the corresponding feedback will be given in a reasonable amount of time.

• Development of the TFM

The tutor will agree with the student on a work plan that will include a minimum number of mandatory tutorials and assignments.

- Sustainable Development Goals

The work must frame its research in one or more SDG

- Delivery of the TFM

The TFM will consist of a final written work that will be delivered during the month of July. This may take the form of a scientific article or memoir

- Scientific article format

The student, with the guidance of his/her tutor, will choose an academic journal that publishes articles in the scientific field in which the work is carried out and this must follow the rules that the journal gives for sending originals.

- Format memory

It will have a maximum length of 60 pages¹ (2,100 characters / page), excluding the acknowledgments chapters, bibliography and complementary information (images, graphics, etc.). The tutor will give guidelines to the student about the sections that the report must have.

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.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

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

TFM article or report

The TFM must be given to the teacher of the subject, always there when you have the consent of the tutor.

Act of defense

The coordination of the master's will set the defense date of the works within the month of July. The panel that assesses the work and its defense is made up of a doctor whose field of research is related to the one presented in the work and who will act as president, the coordinator of the subject, who will do so as a secretary, and a member, who will be the tutor.

The student will have 20' to present the parts of his/her work that he/she considers appropriate to make way for the interventions of the members of the panel. The approximate total duration of the event will be 45 minutes.

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

Not assessable

The student who presents a number of evidence equal to or less than 1/3 of the total or who, despite presenting them, does not defend his work on the indicated date will have the final qualification of Not Assessable

Distinction

Among the works with a grade equal to or higher than 9, the subject coordinator will assess which ones can have access to this grade, respecting the university's regulations in this regard

UAB Digital Document Depository

Works with a grade equal to or higher than 9 may be published in the DDD of the UAB, as long as the author gives his or her approval

Plagiarism

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 a text, be it a single sentence or more, which is passed off as one's own production (THIS INCLUDES COPYING SENTENCES OR FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERNET AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATION TO THE TEXT THAT IS PRESENTED AS YOUR OWN), and it is a serious offense. You must 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 your own text.

Unique assessment

The TFM subject cannot be followed by a single assessment

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.

Language list

Information on the teaching languages can be checked on the CONTENTS section of the guide.