

Degree	Type	Year
Territorial Studies and Planning	TFE	1

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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, study or report involving an integrative exercise of the training received throughout the master. This exercise requires students to apply the knowledge, skills and habilities acquired during their master's degree in order to demonstrate that they have achieved the educational and professional objectives of the course. The TFM must be an original research paper. Students may present it as either a scientific article or a traditional research report. Whatever its purpose and form, the writing of the TFM must be clear, concise 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. SA30 (Skill) Compare analysis methodologies to the territorial area in question.
7. SA31 (Skill) Develop quantitative indicators for diagnosing inequality and segregation processes.

## Content

The module is structured in three blocks:

1. Methodological training seminars

2. Elaboration of the Final Master's Thesis
3. Defense of Master's Thesis

The compulsory seminars provide guidelines on the methodology for preparing the Master's thesis, as well as information on sources and models for presentations and defences. The main lines of research under which projects must be registered are outlined, and students will be connected with supervisors.

Students prepare a research project on an unpublished topic in meetings with their supervisor. Approval from the supervisor is required to submit and present the project.

The defence takes place at a public event where the student presents their work to a panel of two lecturers and the supervisor for 20 minutes and answers questions posed by the panel.

## Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Workshops and seminars	25	1	CA34, CA35, KA34, KA35, CA34
Type: Supervised			
Tutorials	35	1.4	CA33, CA34, CA35, SA30, CA33
Type: Autonomous			
Elaboration of the work	120	4.8	CA33, CA34, SA30, SA31, CA33
Presentation and defense of the work	42	1.68	KA35, 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) to inform the students of the purpose of the TFM, the procedure to be followed for the assignment of supervisor, the preparation of the proposal and of the calendar

- Assignment of the topic and the supervisor

Once the information meeting has been held, the subjects and the lecturer who will supervise 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 coordinator will be responsible for guiding you and facilitating the first meeting with the supervisor.

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

- Intermediate seminar

A seminar will be held in the middle of the second semester in which students will have to present in a synthetic way: a) the topic and research questions of their project; b) the planned methodological work plan; c) the main supporting theoretical references that frame their analysis and d) a schedule of the tasks to be carried out during the second semester until the date of presentation of the document.

- Languages

The work may be presented in Catalan, Spanish or English.

- \* 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 supervisor, 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 pages<sup>1</sup> (2,100 characters / page), excluding the acknowledgments chapters, bibliography and complementary information (images, graphics, etc.). The supervisor 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

### Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Delivery of work	70%	2	0.08	CA33, CA34, CA35, KA34, SA30, SA31
Presentation and defense of the work	30%	1	0.04	KA35

TFM article or report

The TFM must be given to the coordinator, always there when you have the consent of the supervisor.

Act of defense

The coordination of the master's will set the defense date of the works within the month of July. The committee that evaluates the work and its defense is made up of 3 members: 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 TFM, who will act as secretary, and the supervisor.

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.

#### Evaluation of TFM

The final grade of the TFM will evaluate the written document and the oral part. The written document will be valued at 70% of the grade and the oral presentation and defense of the work will account for the remaining 30%. The distribution of the weight of the assessments of each member of the board will be carried out as shown in the following table:

	Oral part (30% of the grade)	Written document (70% of the grade)
Lecturer (president)	50%	40%
Coordinator TFM (secretary)	50%	
Supervisor		60%

A procedure will be established for the review of the grades obtained. The TFM coordinator will keep all documentation and will respond to requests for review and clarification of the assessment.

#### 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 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.

AI

For this subject, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies is permitted exclusively in bibliographic and/or information search tasks and text correction. The student must clearly identify which parts have been generated with this technology, specify the tools used and include a critical reflection on how these have influenced the process and the final result of the activity. The teaching staff involved in the supervising tasks and the TFM coordinator will use specific programs to detect the use of this use of AI. The lack of transparency of the use of AI in this assessable activity will be considered a lack of academic honesty and may lead to a partial or total penalty in the grade of the activity, or greater sanctions in serious cases.

Unique assessment

The TFM subject cannot be followed by a single assessment

## **Bibliography**

For each master's thesis, the supervisor 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.

## **Groups and Languages**

Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2025. You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject.