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Degree	Type	Year
Advanced Studies in Catalan Language and Literature	TFE	1

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objective of this course is for the student to carry out a research project as their master's thesis.

Learning Outcomes

1. KA40 (Knowledge) Identify the fundamental elements of the subject of study for its correct analysis, including historical, social and gender factors.
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3. KA41 (Knowledge) Identify appropriate methodologies for the chosen topic of study.
4. KA42 (Knowledge) Identify the appropriate academic writing record to transmit research results.
5. KA43 (Knowledge) Recognise the technological tools for bibliographic search and for the management of corpora and databases.
6. SA43 (Skill) Apply analysis and research methods typical of linguistics and literary studies, in accordance with the nature of the phenomena or texts to be studied and with the perspective adopted.

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7. SA44 (Skill) Evaluate the appropriate bibliographic and documentary sources for research on the chosen topic.
8. SA45 (Skill) Communicate the results of their own research in Catalan, orally and in writing, with linguistic correctness, conceptual precision and expository clarity.
9. SA46 (Skill) Defend the processes and results of the TFM in a well-founded and well-argued manner.

Content

This course is entirely devoted to the development of an original research project on a previously agreed topic related to the contents of the master's programme and its areas of specialisation. The project will be carried out by the student under the supervision of a faculty member from the master's teaching staff. The final work may take the form of an initial example of advanced academic research or an applied research project. The student must demonstrate the ability to define research objectives, apply appropriate methodologies, and obtain results that address the proposed objectives, as well as to present and defend the completed work before an academic panel.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Supervised			
Selection of a topic and formulation of the working hypothesis	12	0.48	KA40, KA41, KA42, KA43, SA43, SA44, SA45, SA46, KA40
Tutorials	38	1.52	KA40, KA41, KA42, KA43, SA43, SA44, SA45, SA46, KA40
Type: Autonomous			
Bibliographic consultation, fieldwork, research in archives and libraries	162	6.48	KA40, KA41, KA42, KA43, SA43, SA44, SA45, SA46, KA40
Writing of the Master's Thesis	162	6.48	KA40, KA41, KA42, KA43, SA43, SA44, SA45, SA46, KA40

Procedure

1. Preliminary information session: During the first semester, students will be informed about the purpose of the Master's Final Project (TFM), how to choose a supervisor, and the project timeline.

2. Selection of a (tentative) topic for the TFM and of a supervisor from among the teaching staff of the UB and UAB departments involved in the master's programme.

3. Brief presentation of the project during the first session of the *Research Methodology* course (2nd semester, February 2026), in front of the course instructor and the professors specialising in the TFM area (Catalan language or Catalan literature).

4. Presentation of the project's progress and future direction, also within the *Research Methodology* course (May 2026), in front of the TFM supervisor, the course instructor, and the professors specialising in the chosen area.

5. Submission of the written project and oral defence before a committee composed of the two TFM instructors from the chosen track (Catalan language or Catalan literature), in mid-July 2026 or, in exceptional cases, in early September 2026.

Students are required to attend a minimum of 5 supervision meetings with their TFM supervisor and to submit at least 2 drafts of written work.

The exact deadlines for submitting the TFM and the presentation schedule will be communicated in due course.

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
Master's Thesis (written)	70%	0	0	KA40, KA41, KA42, KA43, SA43, SA44, SA45, SA46
Oral presentation of the Master's Thesis	30%	1	0.04	KA40, KA41, KA42, KA43, SA43, SA44, SA45, SA46

The Master's Final Project (TFM) must be submitted in PDF format to each member of the assessment committee and to the secretary of the Department of Catalan Philology at the UAB. The recommended length (excluding appendices) is between 30 and 60 pages.

The TFM must comply with the formal criteria that will be provided on the Virtual Campus of the course.

The assessment committee for the Master's Thesis (TFM) will be composed of the two lecturers responsible for the TFM in the chosen track (Catalan Language or Catalan Literature). The committee will take into account a report written by the TFM supervisor. The weight of this report in the final grade will be specified in the assessment rubrics. The supervisor cannot be a member of the assessment committee. If the supervisor is one of the TFM lecturers, they will be replaced by another lecturer from the same track.

The oral presentation of the project must last between 20 and 30 minutes. The student must justify their work in response to the observations and questions posed by the assessment committee.

The criteria established in the assessment rubrics will be made available before the second semester.

A grade of 'not assessable' will be given if the TFM is not submitted by the established deadline.

The distinction of honours will be awarded to the TFM with the highest score above 9. In case of a tie, the average grade of the student's master's transcript will be taken into account.

This course does not offer the option of single (alternative) assessment.

There is no resit option for this course.

If a student commits any irregularity that may lead to a significant alteration of the grade of an assessment activity, that activity will be graded with a 0, regardless of any disciplinary proceedings that may be initiated. If multiple irregularities occur in the assessment activities of the same course, the final grade for the course will be 0.

If in-person examinations cannot be held, their format will be adapted (while maintaining the original weighting) to the possibilities offered by the UAB's virtual tools. Tasks, activities, and class participation will take place via forums, wikis, and/or discussion sessions through Teams, ensuring all students have access.

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies is strictly prohibited at all stages of work in this course. Any assignment that includes AI-generated content will be considered a breach of academic integrity and will be graded with a 0, with no opportunity for resubmission. In serious cases, further disciplinary sanctions may be applied.

Bibliography

The option recommended by the supervisor in relation to the selected topic for the Master's Thesis.

Software

No specific software is required.

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.