

Inter-university Master in Advanced English Studies and Its Applications
Mestrado Interuniversitario en Estudos Ingleses Avanzados e as súas Aplicacións

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Work of an informational and mediational nature with students of the Master has been proceeding in accordance with the terms set out in the *Degree Statement*, section 4.3 ('Support for students'), and with the Plans of Action for Tutorials (PAT) in operation at the Faculties of Philology of the UDC and USC and of Philology and Translation of the UVigo; that is, in line with the guidelines outlined below.

INFORMATION CHANNELS FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS, PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT:

The website of the Master, and the institutional websites of the universities of Coruña, Santiago de Compostela and Vigo, provide up-to-date and comprehensive information on:

- the Master, conditions of access, and the recommended access profile.
- the administrative conditions (procedures and forms of registration, fees, scholarships).
- the specific characteristics of the Master, including course content and skills to be developed.
- schedules for subjects, teaching guides, teaching faculty lists.
- the fundamental characteristics of the Master thesis (12 ECTS) and Practicum (6 ECTS).

Also, the three Faculties involved in the Master (Faculty of Philology of the UDC, Faculty of Philology of the USC, Faculty of Philology and Translation of the University of Vigo) periodically organize training sessions on academic opportunities at the postgraduate level. The most recent of these took place on April 14, 2016 (at the USC), June 17 and November 23, 2016 (at the UDC), and April 28, 2016 (at the UVigo).

ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY ORIENTED TOWARDS THE RECEPTION OF NEW STUDENTS:

All the relevant information in this section is also available on the various pages of the current website, as well as on the institutional websites of the universities of Coruña, Santiago de Compostela and Vigo.

Following the guidelines set out in the *Degree Statement*, previously ratified by the Inter-university Coordinating Commission of the Degree (and updated and modified regarding certain minor aspects, where necessary), the coordinators of the Academic Subcommittees from each participating university meet with all students during the first week of the course. During the academic year 2016-2017, such meetings took place in the places and dates indicated below:

- UDC, October 4, 2016: orientation meeting with the Coordinator, Dr José Manuel Estévez Saá.
- USC, October 4, 2016: orientation meeting with Dr Patricia Fra López (Coordinator of the Master until November 4, 2016).
- UVigo, September 19, 2016; orientation meeting with the Coordinator, Dr Jorge Figueroa Dorrego.

These initial informative sessions have the following objectives, among others:

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- to introduce the enrolled students to the centre (computer rooms, librarian loans, study rooms, etc.) and more broadly to the teaching institution in question, as well as to get to know directly the situation of each student.
- a general orientation to the program and curriculum: regulations regarding presence on campus, dates for registering and teaching, recognition of previous studies, etc.
- information on administrative staff and support pertaining to each of the departments responsible for the Master (Department of English Philology of the UDC, Department of English and German Philology of the USC, Department of English, German and French Philology of the University of Vigo).
- information regarding support systems and guidance aimed specifically at foreign students and exchange students.
- information on specific support systems for students with disabilities and special needs, when necessary.
- information about the tutors assigned to students, these tutors serving to provide students with support until a choice for director of the MA thesis has been made.
- information on the MA thesis; to establish a deadline for students so they can consult the teacher lists and the lines of research set out on the webpage of the Degree, can make contacts with a potential director, and can reach an agreement here with the directors, which must be communicated to the corresponding coordinator using the form available for this purpose.
- to establish a deadline for students to choose their representatives for the Academic Subcommittee of the Master as required. At the USC, after nominations and the corresponding elections, held on October 26, 2016, the following students were chosen: Doña Sandra Gómez Garrido (Literature and Culture), Don Raúl Río Fernández (Linguistics).