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Master's Thesis

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NOMBRE DE LA ASIGNATURA / COURSE NAME

Master's Thesis

CRÉDITOS ECTS / CREDITS

12 ECTS

CARÁCTER / COURSE TYPE

Compulsory

CUATRIMESTRE / TERM

Second semester

REQUISITOS PREVIOS / PREREQUISITES

Students should have completed satisfactorily all the courses of the first and second semesters, including the Practicum.

OBJETIVOS / OBJECTIVES

The master's thesis is a carefully argued scholarly paper. It should present an original argument that is carefully documented from primary and/or secondary sources. The thesis must have a substantial research component and must be written under the guidance of a supervisor.

As the final element in the Degree, the thesis:

- gives the student an opportunity to demonstrate expertise in the chosen research area;
- guides the student in the process of publicly defending a piece of research;
- prepares the student for independent research at doctoral level.

COMPETENCIAS / COMPETENCIES

CB6, CB7, CB8, CB9, CB10, G04, G05, G08, G09, G10, E01, E02, E09, E12.

Competence in the elaboration and public oral defence of a piece of research.

Acquaintance with the latest trends and research methodologies in the various fields of English Studies: English language and linguistics (theoretical and applied), Anglophone literatures and cultures.

CB6 - To possess and understand knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and / or explanation of ideas, often in a research context.

CB7 - To apply the knowledge acquired and their ability to solve problems in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their area of study.

CB8 – Ability to integrate knowledge and face the complexity of formulating judgments based on information that, being incomplete or limited, includes reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments.

CB9 – Ability to communicate their conclusions and the knowledge and ultimate reasons that support them to specialized and non-specialized audiences in a clear and unambiguous way.

CB10 – To possess the learning skills that allow them to continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.

G04 - Ability to present experiences, ideas or reports in public, as well as to express informed opinions based on criteria, external rules or personal reflections, for which a sufficient command of the academic and scientific language, both written and oral, will be necessary.

G05 - Abilities to investigate and manage new knowledge and information within the context of English Studies.

G08 - Progressive autonomy in the learning process, personal/individual search for resources and information, by getting accessing bibliographical and documentary references on the various areas that constitute English Studies.

G09 - Ability to carry out research work of an academic nature in the different realms of English Studies.

G10 - Ability to present and defend a research project by making use of the appropriate terminology and resources/tools within the area object of study.

E01 - Knowledge of the main methods of linguistic research.

E02 - Knowledge of the main resources, tools and methods for linguistic research.

E09 - Knowledge of the main models and resources of literary/cultural research in the anglophone world.

E12 - Capacity to understand different theoretical and critical approaches as well as their application for the analysis of different literary and cultural texts in the anglophone world.

CONTENIDOS / CONTENTS

Contents will be determined by the topic and research project chosen by the student and his/her supervisor.

The Master Thesis must be written in English.

- **Length and formal characteristics:**

Between 10,000 and 14,000 words maximum (40-60 pages approximately, double spaced).

12-point Arial font or Times New Roman.

Please note that **included in the above specifications** are the title page, abstract (if any), table of contents, contents proper, acknowledgements, reference list, and appendices.

The MA Thesis will include a statutory declaration of originality (signed and dated) on its second page (template for guidance provided below in italics)

Statutory declaration

I declare that I have written this thesis independently and without external help and that I have not used any auxiliary materials other than those included in the works cited list. All passages taken directly or indirectly from publications are marked as such. The submitted electronic version of the thesis corresponds exactly to the submitted written version. The thesis has not yet been submitted to any other examination authority and has not been published. I am aware that an untrue statement has legal consequences.

METODOLOGÍA / TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The student will meet for tutorials with his/her supervisor to receive feedback on the topic, contents, structure and bibliographical references recommended for the research project. The supervisor will be regularly informed about the progress and development of the project.

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS / ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Indicative distribution of academic activities:

Research work planning: 20 hours

Research activities with the supervisor: 50 hours

Bibliographical search and reading: 80 hours

Writing of the Master's Thesis: 148 hours

Final oral defence: 2 hours

Total working hours: 300

(12 ECTS correspond with 300 hours of students' workload)

EVALUACIÓN / ASSESSMENT

The Master's Thesis will be assessed by a committee consisting of three members of staff participating in the Degree.

The following aspects, among others, will be taken into consideration in the assessment process:

- Contents.
- Methodology applied.
- Form and style.
- Oral presentation.

BIBLIOGRAFÍA RECOMENDADA / RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Bibliographical references will be provided by the student's supervisor in accordance with the student's research area.

OTRA INFORMACIÓN Y/O RECOMENDACIONES / FURTHER INFORMATION

Applicable regulations.

USC: Regulamento de matrícula, elaboración e defensa dos Traballos Fin de Grao e Fin de Máster na Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (aprobado en Consello de Goberno do 10 de marzo de 2016;

[http://www.usc.es/export9/sites/webinstitucional/gl/centros/empresas/descargas/Normativa/Regulamento de TFG e TFM da USC.pdf](http://www.usc.es/export9/sites/webinstitucional/gl/centros/empresas/descargas/Normativa/Regulamento_de_TFG_e_TFM_da_USC.pdf)).

UDC: [Normativa reguladora da matrícula e defensa do Traballo Fin de Grao \(TFG\) e do Traballo Fin de Mestrado Universitario \(TFM\)](#) (aprobada polo Consello de Goberno de 19 de decembro de 2013, modificada polo Consello de Goberno de 30 de abril e 24 de xullo de 2014, modificada polo Consello de Goberno do 29 de xaneiro de 2015, modificada polo Consello de Goberno do 28 de xuño de 2016, modificada polo Consello de Goberno do 29 de xuño de 2017), así como as Normas para a realización e presentación do Traballo Fin de Mestrado da Facultade de Filoloxía.

Revisadas pola Comisión de Estratexia e Calidade o día 6 de febreiro de 2014, aprobadas pola Xunta de Facultade o día 26 de febreiro de 2014 e modificadas pola Xunta de Facultade o día 8 de abril de 2021.

https://www.udc.es/gl/filo/facultade/normativa_academica/TFM_Normativa/index.html xunto a https://www.udc.es/gl/filo/mestrados/MIEIA/2020_2021/MIEIA_TFM/index.html

UVigo: http://fft.uvigo.es/images/docs/facultade/normativa/Regulamento_TFM_FFT.pdf aprobado por la Comisión de Calidad de la Facultad de Filología y Traducción el 5 de mayo de 2017. Esta normativa recoge las directrices generales relativas a la definición, elaboración, defensa, evaluación y tramitación administrativa de los Trabajos Fin de Máster.