

26699 - Undergraduate Dissertation

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24

Subject: 26699 - Undergraduate Dissertation

Faculty / School: 107 - Facultad de Educación

202 - Facultad de Ciencias Humanas y de la Educación

301 - Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas

Degree: 298 - Degree in Primary School Education

299 - Degree in Primary School Education

300 - Degree in Primary School Education

ECTS: 9.0

Year: 4

Semester: Indeterminado

Subject type: End of Grade Dissertation

Module:

1. General information

The main goal of the subject is to deepen in topics related to the different areas of

the degree, integrating the knowledge and competencies acquired throughout the curriculum and applying them to the chosen topic and in a specific way:

- Integrate the competencies of the different subjects studied in the degree and be able to apply the knowledge to professional practice.
- To understand learning as a global, complex and transcendent fact, being able to reflect critically on educational ideas and practices.
- Use and apply Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to learn, communicate and share knowledge in different contexts.
- Organize their own continuing education and motivate the improvement of teaching quality.
- Research on one's own professional practice.
- Seek, manage, process, analyze and communicate information effectively, critically and creatively.

These approaches and goals are aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/>), such that the acquisition of the subject learning results provides training and competence to contribute to some extent to their achievement: Goal 4: Quality Education. By 2030, significantly increase the number of young people and adults who have the necessary skills, particularly technical and professional, to access employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. This will in turn significantly increase the supply of qualified teachers.

The Final Degree Project is a fourth-year subject that contributes to consolidate and integrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired by the student during his or her undergraduate studies.

In order to enroll in this subject, students must have passed at least 70% of the credits of the previous courses and requires the registration of all pending credits or their recognition.

This subject requires the student to assume the responsibility of carrying out an academic work of consequence and to accept opinions different from their own and integrate them into their work. The student is the main protagonist of the DFP and, given that the result of their work will depend to a great extent on the order, clarity and punctuality in the completion of their tasks, they should strive to meet all formal requirements (deadlines, documents, etc.), as well as follow the indications received from their director in relation to the design, development and elaboration of the DFP. It is important to know and consult general regulations on the TFG of the University of Zaragoza, available at: <http://www.unizar.es/sg/pdf/acuerdos/2014/2014-09-11/5.1.%20TFG%20v%20M%20aprobada%20CdG.pdf> and the specific regulations of the Faculty in which the degree is being studied, available in their respective web page.

2. Learning results

1. Produce an academic paper containing original contributions, applying the knowledge, skills, abilities, aptitudes and attitudes acquired throughout the undergraduate studies.
2. Works autonomously and responsibly to achieve the proposed objectives.
3. Critically evaluate their own work.
4. Exposes their work, both orally and in writing, and defends it with order, clarity, argumentative rigor and linguistic correctness.

3. Syllabus

No content is defined in this area.

4. Academic activities

The program offered to the student to help them achieve the expected results includes the following activities:

The training activities that make up the subject, and seek to facilitate the achievement of the learning outcomes, are: - Directed work: there will be information sessions on the characteristics of the subject, and guidance sessions and monitoring for the preparation of the DFP (tutorials).

- Presentation and defense of the work: there will be a session of oral presentation and discussion of the DFP.

The activities and key dates of the subject are published before the beginning of each academic year on the web page of the faculties where the degree is taught and/or on the digital teaching platforms.

5. Assessment system

5.1. Type of tests and their value in the final grade

The elaboration and defense of the Final Degree Project will be in accordance with the regulations on DFP/FMT in force at the University of Zaragoza (https://zaguan.unizar.es/record/30630/files/Texto_refundido_2018.pdf).

Students must demonstrate that they have achieved the intended learning outcomes by means of the following assessment activities

ACTIVITY A. Preparation of a report

The topic of the DFP will be established by mutual agreement between the student and their director, based on the lines proposed by the departments involved. As a guideline, the modalities to which the DFP may respond are indicated:

- Theoretical review on a specific topic. It can be a study that involves a theoretical analysis of a topic as basis for its exposition or argumentation in depth. It is a report of the state of the art, of integration of concepts related to the chosen object of study, of comparative analysis, of historical review, etc.
- Professional intervention . It can be a contextualized educational intervention project, the design of didactic sequences that incorporate aspects of educational innovation, the elaboration of didactic materials, the critical description of classroom experiences, etc.
- Empirical research. It can be a qualitative or quantitative analysis of data, obtained through the techniques of data collection, to answer a previously formulated question or to contrast a working hypothesis.

In any case, it should be clear that the TFG is not the final report of the school practices or a practical work or essay linked to any of the subjects. In any of the modalities, the works will include sufficient elements of personal creation.

The report shall be between 10,000 and 18,000 words in length, not including annexes.

The format of the DFP report will follow the following standards (based in general terms on the APA 7th Edition):

- Times New Roman font, 12 point,
- 1.5 point spacing
- Justified alignment
- Spaces between paragraphs are not used.
- Margins of 2.54 centimeters (Top, Bottom, Left and Right).

In the same way, the report will have a general indicative structure containing:

- Cover. It must show the title of the paper and the name of the author, the director and the faculty. The title should be as informative enough to allow the reader to get a first idea of the content.
- Table of contents. Pointing out headings and subheadings.
- Summary. It will be a maximum of 200 words and will be followed by a maximum of six key words that will enable the reader to quickly locate its contents.
 - Introduction and justification. Relevance and reasons for the choice of the topic, justification in relation to the professional practice of the corresponding degree.
 - Development of the work. It will contain the necessary headings for the orderly exposition of the work according to the chosen modality.
 - Conclusions and personal assessment. Novel or original aspects, strengths and weaknesses, difficulties encountered, future prospects (continuity, implementation, improvement).
 - Bibliographic references.
 - Annexes.

The assessment of this evaluation activity corresponds to the director of the work and represents 60% of the final grade.

ACTIVITY B. Involvement and participation of the student in the development of the DFP

Each student will be assigned a TFG director who will elaborate a work plan and will monitor it, assessing the student's involvement and participation in its fulfillment and development the student's involvement and participation in the fulfillment and development of the plan.

The assessment of this evaluation activity represents 10% of the final grade.

ACTIVITY C. Public defense of the report

The DFP will be defended in a public session before a board of examiners or director according to the regulations of the Center and the University of Zaragoza.

This defense shall be carried out within one of the periods established by each center in their respective Regulations, which shall be at least two and may not coincide with the examination periods. In the same academic year, the student may use only two of these periods.

In order to be able to present the DFP public defense, it is necessary to have obtained a grade of 5 out of 10 in each of the activities A and B .

The student will have a maximum time of 15 minutes to present his/her work, being able to use the graphic, audiovisual and computer media that they consider appropriate. The panel may then ask the candidate any questions it deems appropriate related to the work presented for a maximum of 15 minutes.

The evaluation of this evaluation activity is the responsibility of the panel or director before whom the defense is made and it represents 30% of the final grade:

- Evaluation of the presentation phase (20% of the final grade)
- Evaluation of the discussion phase (10% of the final grade)

5.2. Qualification criteria

When the grades for each of the activities A and B are equal to or higher than 5 out of 10, the director of the DFP will give the public defense of the work by sending the grades to the body indicated in the Regulations of each Faculty.

In the case that the grade of any of the evaluation activities A or B is lower than 5 out of 10, the director of the DFP will point out the defects to the student, indicating the modifications to be made in the work or in the involvement in it, in order to be able to defend it in a later call.

The grade of the students who attend the act of public defense of the report is the weighted sum of the grades obtained in the evaluation activities A, B and C. Those students who do not carry out the public defense, either because they have not passed the evaluation of activities A and B or because they do not attend the public defense ceremony on the date on which they have been summoned, will receive a grade of "Not Presented".

If the examining board and/or director considers that there is total or partial fraud or plagiarism in the dissertation submitted for defense, this will result in the failure of the subject with the minimum grade, in addition to the disciplinary sanctions that the guarantee commission adopts for these cases.

If, after the defense of the DFP, the final grade is higher or equal to 5, the student will have passed the subject. If, on the contrary, it is less than 5, the examining board will inform the student of the changes to be made in the public defense of their DFP with a view to passing it in another call.

5.3. Assessment criteria

The following criteria will be taken into account to evaluate the evaluation activities:

ACTIVITY A. Preparation of a report

1. Adequacy, learning and originality. The adequacy of the work to the contents and skills acquired in the course will be evaluated the degree, as well as the acquisition of new and relevant knowledge and skills as a result of their deepening in the chosen subject, considering also the presence of a greater or lesser degree of personal contribution and originality. It represents 40% of the grade of the report.

2. Foundation and academic rigor. The internal coherence of the work as a whole is valued, together with the application of the chosen methodology and the adequate use of primary or secondary sources and the acknowledgement of other authorships and influences where relevant. It represents 40% of the grade of the report.

3. Formal and structural aspects. Grammatical and spelling correctness is valued together with a clear, coherent style and understandable from the parameters of academic discourse, taking into account the respect for the formal requirements established in the teaching guide and, where appropriate, those indicated by the center where it is done, both in terms of presentation and bibliographic citation style. It represents 20% of the grade of the report.

ACTIVITY B. Participation in tutorials convened by the director of the DFP

1.	Ability to work autonomously.
2.	Ability to critically evaluate their own work and the suggestions of the DFP director.
3.	Ability to plan their work, attending scheduled tutorials and meeting deadlines and planning goals.

ACTIVITY C. Public defense of the report

About the exposure phase

1. Clear, structured and intelligible presentation of the DFP.
2. A reasoned exposition of the main contributions of their work, pointing out its interest and importance.
3. Use of the most appropriate resources to make the presentation more enjoyable and meaningful.

About the discussion phase

1. Identification of the most significant issues raised by the evaluators and a solvent response to them.
2. Responses in which he expresses himself with conviction and ownership.
3. Critical justification of their approaches to most of the objections raised.

Fifth and sixth calls

Students in 5th and 6th call will be evaluated with the same evaluation system as the rest of the students, but their evaluation will be carried out by an examining board.

Finally, it must be taken into account that the Regulations of the Rules of Coexistence of the University of Zaragoza will be applicable to irregularities committed in the evaluation tests through academic fraud, as well as the application of article 30 of the Regulations of the Rules of Evaluation of Learning in relation to irregular practices other than academic fraud.