

67900 - Master's Dissertation

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24

Subject: 67900 - Master's Dissertation

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 528 - Master's in Research and Advanced Studies in History

ECTS: 12.0

Year: 1

Semester: Second semester

Subject type: Master Final Project

Module:

1. General information

The MFP aims to introduce students to advanced studies and historical research through the preparation, writing and oral presentation of an essay or research work carried out in an individual and tutored manner, in which knowledge, skills, abilities and aptitudes acquired throughout the degree are applied.

Its objective is to prove that students have acquired the competencies associated with the degree. It consists of the presentation of a written report based on specialized bibliography, use of sources for its study, accurate use of historiographic concepts, clarity and argumentative coherence, adequate application of the technical norms of academic writing, observance of professional ethics and teacher's guidance.

The SDGs of the 2030 Agenda with which it is aligned are: 4) Quality education; 5) Gender equality; 10) Reducing inequalities; 16) Peace, justice and strong institutions; 17) Partnerships to achieve goals.

2. Learning results

To demonstrate student has the skills to adapt to new situations and identify approaches to solve a problem within a historical context.

To analyse critically and accurately the social and ethical consequences of the different historiographic studies and theories.

To communicate ideas and theories using terminology and techniques accepted in the historical profession.

To rigorously evaluate the different historiographic sources and documents, to handle techniques and methods of advanced studies and research in history in a self-directed or autonomous way.

To organize complex historical information in a coherent manner, developing scientific approaches based on professional ethics with scientific accuracy, originality, creativity, interdisciplinarity and responsibility.

To demonstrate a rational and critical knowledge of the interconnections that articulate the societies of the past in the long term and in a comparative perspective.

To define original research topics that contribute to interdisciplinary knowledge and historiographic debate with arguments that integrate knowledge about the pluralism of historical science.

To skilfully handle the fundamental techniques and methods of advanced studies and research in history.

To be able to prepare a doctoral thesis proposal.

To elaborate and prepare complex historical documents in a systematic and rigorous manner for oral and written debate and defence.

3. Syllabus

This subject has no syllabus.

4. Academic activities

Study, research and personal work: individual elaboration of an essay or research work in a field of study of history where students must apply the knowledge and skills learned.

Individual tutoring (face-to-face/online): guidance of the students' work and discussion of the approaches, questions and problems arising in the development of the same.

Writing and defence of the MFP: supervision and review of the final draft of the work, as well as the oral presentation before the board of examiners.

5. Assessment system

FIRST AND SECOND CALL

The assessment consists of the deposit, presentation and defence of the MFP within the deadlines established for this purpose. The work will have a mandatory minimum length of 12,000 words and a recommended maximum length of 24,000 words. Its contents will be structured, at least, in: 1) Introduction of the subject, state of the question, objectives and methodology applied; 2) Analytical development; 3) Conclusions; 4) Bibliography and resources used; 5) Annexes (if deemed appropriate).

The defence will consist of an oral presentation by the student, with a maximum duration of 20 minutes, before the board of examiners and in a public session.

The assessment, grading, review and claims will be in accordance with the Final Degree and Master's Final Project Regulations of the University of Zaragoza and the DFP/MPF Regulations of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters. The Faculty of Philosophy and Letters establishes 4 calls for MFP defence, and students may apply to 2 calls per academic year.

Criteria for assessment: quality of structure and contents, capacity to propose hypotheses and use appropriate methodologies, critical capacity, linguistic correction, quality of the oral presentation and, in general, achievement level of the competencies of the master.

In case of a grade below five, the board will inform within 3 days the deficiencies observed and will advise the student about the necessary modifications for the new defence if they decides to present the same project.