

60770 - Master's Dissertation

Syllabus Information

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Faculty / School: 102 - Facultad de Derecho

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Module:

1. General information

The main objective of the Master's Final Project (hereinafter, MFP) is for the student to complete the development of the competencies of the Master's degree in Law, facing the need to prepare an opinion on a real case in which they identify a practical legal problem related to the practice of law and proposes the legal solution best suited to the interests of the client and with possibilities of success either before a court, or to reach an alternative solution to the jurisdictional one, indicating the reasons that make it advisable. The solution must be transmitted, in a precise and effective manner, to a specialized audience, through the formulation of a written legal opinion and an oral presentation. Thus, the student must demonstrate the ability to approach a problem from a practical perspective, which translates into the proposal of solutions to specific problems of interpretation or application of the law, adjusting these solutions to the interests of clients and in accordance with the deontological requirements of the profession.

2. Learning results

CO_01: To know the techniques aimed at ascertaining and establishing the facts in the different types of procedure, especially the production of documents, interrogations and expert evidence.

CO_02: To have the specialized knowledge to integrate the defence and the postulation of the rights of the clients within the framework of the regional, national and international jurisdictional protection systems.

CO_03: To know the different techniques for the composition of interests and to know how to find solutions to problems by means of alternative methods to the jurisdictional route.

CO_04: To know the procedural techniques to execute the acts entrusted to them or for whose execution they are authorized in the different jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional orders, with special attention to the deadlines, acts of communication, execution and means of enforcement, which allows to identify the most appropriate strategy for the defence of the interests of the citizen or client.

CO_05: To know the acts of communication of the process, and of the enforcement of the judicial resolutions, knowing and differentiating the private interests that they represents from those of public character whose enforcement have been entrusted to them by the Law and the courts

HA_01: To know how to apply the specialized knowledge acquired in the degree to professional practice before courts or public authorities, as well as in advisory functions, respecting democratic principles and values and the Sustainable Development Goals.

HA_02: To distinguish the different techniques for the composition of interests and know how to find solutions to problems by means of alternative methods to the jurisdictional route.

HA_10: To know how to present facts orally and in writing, and to draw legal consequences in an argumentative way, taking into account the context and the addressee, according to the modalities of each procedural area

CP_03: To identify conflicts of interest and know the techniques for their resolution, establish the scope of professional secrecy and confidentiality, and preserve independence of judgment.

CP_06: To choose the most appropriate means offered by the legal system for the performance of a quality technical representation.

CP_09: Critical thinking: Reflective reasoning on an issue and being able to deliberate on its validity by submitting their own and external considerations to debate.

CP_12: Permanent self-learning: To use lifelong learning and develop autonomous and flexible learning strategies throughout life to be part of an active, motivated and integrated citizenship favouring improvement of employment or personal development.

CP_13: To prepare an original and highly specialized academic paper related to one of the areas of the degree, in a directed manner, and defend it publicly before a board of examiners.

3. Syllabus

Once the director has been assigned, the process of preparing the final project will begin, in which the director and student will have to establish an academic relationship based on collaboration and mutual respect, the initiative and autonomy of the student and the availability and receptivity of the director.

Once contacted by the student, the director must call a first meeting within a reasonable period of time to begin the preparation of the work. As the person most responsible for supervising the tasks to be carried out, the director undertakes to guide, advise and support the student in the selection of the topic, the planning and the development of the final degree or master's thesis. In particular, it will guide the student about the methodology to be used and inform them about the resources necessary to carry out the work (basic regulations and bibliography, documents of interest, etc.), in order to establish the bases for the student to manage and take responsibility for their learning process.

The director will regularly monitor the progress of the final project, trying to maintain fluid contact with the student and address their legitimate doubts about sources, methodology, structure, form, content and any other aspects of the work.

For his part, the student agrees to contact the director assigned to him to begin the process of preparing the final project. You must attend to the requirements that the director may ask you, follow his or her guidelines on the design and development of the work and meet the deadlines agreed upon with the director for each of the deliveries, phases or tasks that have been indicated. You must document yourself and consult the materials (bibliography, jurisprudence, etc.) that your director has recommended. You must inform your director of the progress you are making and use the maximum possible rigor in the search for sources, the use of legal concepts, writing and reasoning.

4. Academic activities

The learning activities are those indicated by the director of the MFP, among others, attendance at the office where the student has completed the external internship to consult, if necessary, the dossier that has been considered for the preparation of the Master's thesis.

5. Assessment system

The evaluation of the work will be carried out by a board of examiners, on the public defence made by the student in the public session convened for this purpose. In it, the student must demonstrate their ability to transmit the knowledge acquired and answer the questions asked by the board.

The public defence of the work is a prerequisite to pass the subject.

The defence will take place at the place, date and time indicated in the summons issued by the board of examiners.

The call will be published on the Faculty of Law's website. The defence of the master's final project will be public.

The act of defence will consist of the oral presentation by the student of the issues addressed in the Opinion, in which the MFP consists, which must take the form of a report at a hearing.

Once the presentation is finished, the board may direct questions to the student in order to evaluate the learning results. The questions may refer not only to the aspects specifically dealt with in the opinion, but also to peripheral and related issues, as well as to deontological and regulatory issues of the profession.

6. Sustainable Development Goals

4 - Quality Education

8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth

16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions