POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES 2009-2010

MASTERS IN RESEARCH IN SPECIFIC DIDACTICS

General Information

Academic Area:	☐ Experimental Science ☐ Technical Education ☐ Health Sciences ☒ Social Science and Law ☐ Humanities
Organised by:	"Àusias March" Teacher Training College
Participating Universities:	University of Valencia
Length of course:	1 academic year
ECTS credits:	60
Fees:	In accordance with official rates pending publication. Tuition fees 2009-2010: 13.87 €/credit
Taught at:	Teacher Training College
Modes of Study:	On campus
Languages:	Spanish (communication and lectures) and English (reading scientific articles)
Contact for administrative queries:	postgrado@uv.es
Contact for academic queries:	University website, web pages of the Teacher Training Colllege, or the departments of mathematics, experimental science, social sciences, language and literature, music, visual arts.
Web page:	
Constitutes the taught phase of a Doctoral Programme:	Yes
Name of Doctoral Programme:	Research in Specific Didactics, specializing in one of the following: didactics of mathematics, experimental science, social sciences, language and literature, music, visual arts or physical education.
Further Information on Doctoral Programme:	http://www.uv.es/pop/ofertadoctoratssp.htm

Programme Description

This Masters differs from other postgraduate programmes in that it provides research training in the specific didactic of the chosen specialization of each student, and offers those who wish to the opportunity to begin pursuing a doctoral thesis. The course syllabus is flexible, enabling a large part to be adapted to the needs of

each specific didactic. The structure of the Masters permits the validation of up to 30 ECTS credits to students who have a Masters in Secondary and Higher Education teaching, and offers relevant methodological training and in-depth and up-to-date study of research areas, programmes and problems that constitute the work of the international community in specific didactics.

Objectives

1. To train researchers competent in Specific Didactics, providing them with up-to-date knowledge in diverse research fields, and methodological training that enables them to design and conduct quality research projects.
2. To provide the community of researchers into Specific Didactics with independent new members who are capable of collaboration on an international level.
3. To improve and broaden education through basic and applied research into Specific Didactics and reporting of findings to the educational community.

Specific Admission Requirements

- In general and in each case admission procedure will consider the provisions of article 17 of Royal Decree 1393/2007. In particular in the case of students with special educational needs due to disability the Selection and Admission Commission will obtain the support and assessment of the appropriate University services in order to adapt the syllabus or provide alternative study options.
- Applicants should demonstrate a reading level in English equivalent to level B1.
- According to each student's situation, the following requisites will apply:

  1. Students holding a Masters in Secondary and Higher Education Teaching, the teaching aptitude certificate Curso de Aptitud Pedagógica (CAP), or an equivalent degree, will be able to access directly the relevant specific didactic module of the chosen specialization studied.
  2. Those holding degrees recognised by provisions of the Royal Degree as areas of specialization for secondary and higher education teachers will also be able to access directly the relevant specific didactic module of the chosen specialization studied. The corresponding degrees are in the following areas: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics, Biology, Life and Environmental Sciences, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Or Industrial Engineering, Pharmacy, Medicine, Geography, History, Languages, Fine Arts, Physical Activity and Sports Science (from National or Basque Region institutes).
  3. Applicants with degrees in Secondary Education Teaching or Psychology, or diplomas in Teacher Training should have additional previous academic experience equivalent to first year degree studies in one of the areas of specialization mentioned in point 4.2.2.2. The Admission and Selection Commission will indicate the minimum complementary education necessary, according to the specific didactic chosen by the student.
  4. Students holding degrees in areas different to those mentioned in points 4.2.2.2 and 4.2.2.3 will need a minimum of three years additional teaching experience in Primary or Secondary education.
  5. Students with degrees in Music awarded by a Music Conservatory must hold an honours degree, with

any specialization, and comply with entry requirements onto the Masters in Secondary and Higher Education Teaching.

6. In the case of students with degrees not mentioned in previous points (for example a different diploma to that of Teacher Training) who meet the UVEG entry requirements (see section 4.2.1), the Admission and Selection Commission will study each application and assess the need for proven teaching experience or specialized study before admission to the Masters.
7. Graduates from countries not forming part of the European Higher Education Area who meet the university entry requirements indicated in 4.2.1.2 will be assessed by the Admission and Selection Commission to decide if they need to take specialized training before access to the Masters programme.

Selection Criteria

a) General Criteria:

1. Masters in Secondary and Higher Education Teaching or Certificate of Aptitude in Teaching (CAP)
2. Academic record
3. Work experience in the field of teaching, in regulated teaching centres of primary, secondary or university education.
4. Research experience and publications
5. Participation in courses, seminars and conferences
6. Proficiency in English and other languages
7. Personal interview
8. Statement of interest in the Masters

b) Specific criteria:

If the Admission and Selection Commission deem it necessary, they will propose level checks on any of the academic prerequisites for entry, in which applicants must pass the minimum level and the results will be assessed for selection purposes.

Career Opportunities

- University Professor
- Access to high level teaching positions within Secondary and University level Education
- Managerial positions in education centres.
- Collaboration with companies on education related themes such as, for example, the design of teaching materials, educational software or textbooks