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STUDY (S)

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2203 - Master's Degree in Economic Policy and Public Economics	Facultat d'Economia	1	Indefinite (Individuals)

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
2203 - Master's Degree in Economic Policy and Public Economics	Master's final project	MASTER THESIS PROJECT

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SUMMARY

In the Master's Degree in Economic Policy and Public Economics (MPEEP), the Master's Final Project (TFM) is a compulsory course worth 12 ECTS credits. Its topic must relate to some aspect of economic policy or public economics and must be agreed upon with the academic supervisor.

The TFM consists of the development of a project that includes a structured set of theoretical explanations, ideas, reasoning, and evaluations focused on a specific topic. The project must be carried out independently and personally by the student, under the supervision of an academic tutor, who will guide its development and ensure its academic quality.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**



There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

2203 - Master's Degree in Economic Policy and Public Economics

Aplicar las técnicas y metodología adecuadas para elaborar trabajos de investigación avanzados de política económica y economía pública.

Capacidad para preparar, redactar y exponer en público informes y proyectos sobre política económica y economía pública de manera clara y coherente, defenderlos con rigor y tolerancia y responder satisfactoriamente a críticas sobre los mismos.

Desarrollar la capacidad crítica, impulsar la inquietud y el interés investigador; buscar, ordenar, analizar y sintetizar la información económica, seleccionando aquella que resulta pertinente para la toma de decisiones en política económica.

Desarrollar la capacidad de trabajo en equipo, coordinación de tareas, liderazgo y compromiso con el grupo en el desarrollo de actividades de análisis de los problemas económicos y sus soluciones.

Integrar las nuevas tecnologías de la información y de la comunicación en su labor profesional y/o investigadora relacionada con el análisis de la intervención del estado en la economía.

Planificar adecuadamente un trabajo de investigación de economía.

Saber cómo proyectar sobre problemas concretos sus conocimientos y saber resumir y extraer los argumentos y las conclusiones más relevantes para su resolución.

Students should apply acquired knowledge to solve problems in unfamiliar contexts within their field of study, including multidisciplinary scenarios.

Students should be able to integrate knowledge and address the complexity of making informed judgments based on incomplete or limited information, including reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgments.

Students should communicate conclusions and underlying knowledge clearly and unambiguously to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

Students should demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.

Students should possess and understand foundational knowledge that enables original thinking and research in the field.

Tomar decisiones tanto individuales como colectivas en su labor profesional y/o investigadora relacionada con la resolución de problemas propios de la política económica y la economía pública.

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS****Master's Final Project (TFM)**

The TFM may be developed by choosing among the following types of work according to the chosen research process:

a) Literature Reviews and/or Meta-analyses:

The project will consist of a literature review on a topic with the objective of determining the state of the art on the issue; this review may also be aimed at identifying the available empirical evidence to support professional practice. Literature review projects focus on the search for and analysis of bibliography as an end in itself. The most appropriate databases may be used for the case, such as ISOC Humanities and Social Sciences, ISI Web of Science, ProQuest CSA, Scopus, etc. The articles found must be critically assessed using established critical appraisal scales for experimental studies (examples: Jadad, PEDro, CASPe). Approximately a minimum of 15 articles is recommended to complete the project, but in any case, all relevant literature for the chosen topic and period must be reviewed. Only original research articles will be considered valid for these projects.

b) Experimental Work:

These projects involve an empirical analysis using quantitative and/or qualitative methodologies that provide results related to the initially posed research questions or confirm the starting hypotheses. This is achieved through data collection from a specific source or sample, as well as the application of a relevant quantitative and/or qualitative methodology for each case. The work must be grounded in a theoretical framework that gives it scientific consistency, and the methodological approach and design must be clearly explained.

c) Mixed Application of Cases a) and b).**d) Project Coordinated with External Internships or Derived from Stays Abroad:**

The project will consist of a scientifically grounded follow-up of a case related to internships or stays abroad or the development of a practical or innovative proposal of use.

WORKLOAD**PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Attendance at supplementary activities	0,00
Monitoring and tutoring of the master's thesis	20,00
Presentation and defence of the master's thesis	40,00
Total hours	60,00

**NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Independent preparation of the master's thesis	240,00
Preparation of the master's thesis project	0,00
Total hours	240,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY**TUTORS:**

Throughout the months of October and November the list of tutors will be published in the virtual classroom of the subject TFM and the topics in which the professors investigate for this course. In addition to these topics, the student may propose other topics related to economic policy and the public economy. The student must contact the professor to request the tutorial of the TFM.

Once the tutor has been accepted by the teacher and the subject has been agreed upon, they will sign the registration form of the TFM that the student will deliver to the MPEEP TFMs coordinator, within the stipulated period.

SUPERVISION AND WORK PLAN:

After the assignment of tutors, the student must contact their tutor to arrange a first meeting, in which the tutor will establish, as a guide, the periodicity of the meetings of continuous monitoring of the work, the number of preliminary versions of the TFM that will correct, the deadline for the delivery of the final version of the same and other issues that are relevant for planning the preparation of a TFM and its supervision.

Then, the student will prepare a proposal and work plan, advised and guided by the tutor, which should contain the following aspects:

1. Proposed provisional title, reflecting the chosen theme.
2. Information of the purpose and justification, so that its social or scientific relevance is justified.
3. The objectives
4. The approach, referred to the theoretical foundations that constitute the basis from which a study is going to begin, therefore, to the scientific principles that are going to be used
5. The methodology, referring to the systematics, techniques, procedures, strategies, etc. that will allow to advance in the search of quantitative and / or qualitative information and in the analysis of the problem.



6. Review of the most significant literature as a starting point
7. Approximate timetable of the phases of the elaboration process.

The student will work on the development, concretion and discussion with the tutor of the previous proposal, and must comply with partial deliveries of written work, taking into account the temporality specified, where appropriate, by the tutor.

- In its development, the TFM must comply with a series of formal and stylistic aspects:
- Paper size: A-4
- The official language to be used in the writing and presentation / defense of the TFM is Spanish
- **Page 1:** Cover: where is recorded, logo and name of the institution, name of the master, title of the work, name of the tutor, academic course, and name of the tutors. (See attached model in annex 2).
- In Virtual classroom documents, you can download a cover model.
- **Page 2:** Numbered contents index
- **Page 3:** Index of figures, index of tables or both. Optionally and as long as it facilitates the reading of the work, as there is a sufficient number of them.
- **Page 4:** Structured summary of the work in Spanish and English: Summary / Abstract (maximum length: 500 words). The keywords / key words (maximum 6 keywords) will be added. The document must be numbered in the middle and bottom of each page.
- The length of the work is limited to a **minimum of 20 pages and a maximum of 60 pages** (including all sections of the index and annexes), unless the tutor exceptionally authorizes a longer length
- **Format:** 1.2 space (minimum), font 12 and margins 2.5
- Differentiate between table, table, figure and chart.
- The author may comment on the text by means of footnotes.



- The **Declaration on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools** must be included as specified below.

STATEMENT ON THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TOOLS

This statement is mandatory for all Master's Theses, regardless of whether artificial intelligence tools have been used.

It must be included immediately before the bibliography and contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Tool or tools used (for example: ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, DeepL Write, Grammarly AI, NotebookLM, Undermind or similar tools).
2. Purpose of use for each tool (e.g. literature search, preliminary brainstorming, text summarisation, content organisation, writing improvement, translation, proofreading, code generation, etc.).
3. Scope of use:
 - Specific sections of the Master's Thesis in which the tool has been used.
 - Tasks carried out using AI.
 - Tasks not carried out using AI.
4. Examples of prompts:
 - At least one representative prompt for each stated purpose of use.

All contributions generated using AI must have been critically reviewed by the author of the Master's thesis. However, under no circumstances may the student's role be reduced to merely supervising content created with AI tools. Furthermore, responsibility for the authorship, originality, accuracy and academic appropriateness of the content lies entirely with the author of the thesis.

If no AI tools have been used, this must be expressly stated in a declaration of non-use. Failure to provide this declaration or the inclusion of false information will be considered an academic irregularity and will affect the assessment of the thesis.



DELIVERY WORK

The TFM will constitute the student's autonomous and personal task, supervised by the assigned tutor. However, the Work is the sole responsibility of the student. The student is warned that the works will be subject to plagiarism detection systems.

APPLICATION FOR DEFENSE AND EVALUATION OF TFM:

The process of requesting and defending the TFMs, is made from the steps:

STEP 1º. It is an essential requirement to be able to deliver the work, to have the FAVORABLE REPORT (approval) of the tutor.

The student will conveniently complete the information and request the signature of the tutor. The favorable report will be obtained as long as the tutor considers that the TFM grade is at least 5 out of 10.

The tutor will also indicate in said document if the student will make the defense of the TFM in the 15 minute mode (score equal to or greater than 9) or in the 5 minute mode, otherwise.

STEP 2º. The request for the defense and evaluation of the TFG must be made through the electronic procedure provided by the ENTREU electronic headquarters, before the end of the stipulated period for each call.

This procedure establishes the following requirements:

- 1) Correctly fill in the personal data and data referring to the TFM
- 2) Attach the TFM, in pdf format
- 3) Attach the FAVORABLE REPORT of the tutor, previously scanned in pdf format
- 4) Attach the DECLARATION OF NO PLAGIARISM, previously scanned in pdf formatIt is essential that the registration and deposit be made in compliance with these requirements.

Otherwise, the TFMs will be rejected by the postgraduate office and their authors will not be able to defend them in the planned call. It is recommended not to rush the deadlines in anticipation of any computer problems that may arise at the last minute. It is very important that the student is clear that the fact of uploading the TFM to the ENTREU application does not guarantee the presentation and reading of the same, even if he / she would have received a resolution in which he / she is indicated, IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RESPECTED THE PERIOD OF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK or the favorable report of the tutor has not been uploaded to the same platform, and the declaration of no plagiarism.

STEP 3º. Once this process is finished, the works are automatically transferred to the virtual classroom of the M.U. in Economic Policy and Public Economy (the community of the master), so that they can be consulted by the professors of the courts with sufficient advance and the appropriate anti-plagiarism



controls are carried out.

EVALUATION

All TFMs will be defended publicly, with a presentation time between 10 and 15 minutes, followed by questions and comments from the evaluation panel, which must be answered by the student. The panel's grade will range from 0 to 10 points.

The panel may propose the awarding of a distinction with honors ("matrícula de honor"), although the final decision corresponds to the Master's Academic Coordination Committee (CCA), once all evaluations for the academic year have been completed.

Evaluations will be conducted in person, and only exceptionally, for duly justified reasons, may the defense and evaluation be carried out remotely via videoconference. Requests for this type of presentation must be submitted to the CCA, which will decide on each case.

The panel will evaluate the TFMs by considering the written work submitted, ensuring compliance with the conceptual and formal requirements of these guidelines. Additionally, the defense of the work will be assessed, taking into account not only the ability to effectively communicate the necessary information about the work carried out, but also the student's capacity to satisfactorily respond to all questions or requests from the evaluators.

Once all presentations and evaluations for each call have been completed, the final grades will be recorded in the corresponding minutes and published on the Virtual Classroom.

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