

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

Code: 44861
Name: Research and master thesis III
Cycle: Master's Degree
ECTS Credits: 4
Academic year: 2026-27

STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
2235 - Master's degree Erasmus Mundus on Work, Organizational and Personnel Psycho	Facultat de Psicologia i Logopèdia	2	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
2235 - Master's degree Erasmus Mundus on Work, Organizational and Personnel Psycho	Research training	MASTER THESIS PROJECT

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The development of the master's thesis is structured into three distinct work phases: the position paper (6 ECTS), the research paper (14 ECTS), and the master's thesis (4 ECTS). The first two phases are completed during the first year of the master's degree.

Specifically, the third phase of research training is called "Research and Master's Thesis III" and is completed during the second semester of the second year. It is the final version of the master's thesis.

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

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS



The student must successfully complete the previous stages related to the research training of the first course (position paper and research work).

- The student must be fluent in English.
- The contents of the orientation course (4 ECTS) as they prepare and socialize the student in relation to the design and rationale.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Que los estudiantes sean capaces de analizar datos de investigación en psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de elaborar informes en el contexto de la psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de formular preguntas de investigación, estrategias de investigación, cuestiones de diseño de investigación (fiabilidad, validez, etc.) y cuestiones de diseño de investigación en psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de presentar oralmente trabajos de integración en psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de proporcionar retroalimentación a diferentes actores en el contexto de la psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de recopilar datos para la investigación en psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de redactar trabajos de investigación en psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

Que los estudiantes sean capaces de revisar la literatura, formular hipótesis y poner a prueba dichas hipótesis en psicología del trabajo, de las organizaciones y de los recursos humanos.

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.



DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

Students prepare and defend the final version of their master's thesis.

This final document integrates all the student's prior research. It is a document of approximately 8,000-12,000 words and includes the following sections: identification page of the work and student (title, author, tutors, university, etc.); abstract; introduction; objectives; methodology; results; discussion; references. In addition, students must write a letter to the examining board members explaining how they incorporated previously received feedback, or the reasons why they did not.

In summary, the content focuses on:

- Improving the research project.
- Dealing with reviewers' comments.
- Preparing a response letter with theoretical and/or empirical arguments.
- Database management.
- Quantitative and qualitative data analysis techniques.
- Designing public presentations.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at supplementary activities	0,00
Monitoring and tutoring of the master's thesis	35,00
Presentation and defence of the master's thesis	5,00
Total hours	40,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Independent preparation of the master's thesis	30,00
Preparation of the master's thesis project	30,00
Total hours	60,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY



- Readings
- Oral presentations
- Article Analysis
- Individual and/or group tutoring
- Written reports and manuscripts

EVALUATION

- Quality of student oral presentations (15%)
- Quality of research reports (research manuscript, master's thesis) (85%)

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