

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

**Code:** 46704  
**Name:** Master's Thesis  
**Cycle:** Master's Degree  
**ECTS Credits:** 15  
**Academic year:** 2026-27

**STUDY (S)**

| Degree                                         | Center                           | Acad. year | Period                      |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 2263 - Master's Degree in Contemporary History | Facultat de Geografia i Història | 1          | Indefinite<br>(Individuals) |

**SUBJECT-MATTER**

| Degree                                         | Subject-matter       | Character             |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2263 - Master's Degree in Contemporary History | Final project module | MASTER THESIS PROJECT |

**COORDINATION**

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**SUMMARY**

It consists of carrying out an initial research work directed by a professor of the program on a topic of Contemporary History, which will be presented in writing and defended before a court through oral presentation. Priority will be given to topics related to the lines of research proposed in the different optional subjects of the program. The student will preferably work on topics related to the subject or elective subjects in which they have participated and with the lines of research proposed by the professors. The resulting works should not be monographs but preparatory works for a possible doctoral thesis, which may include all or some of the following elements: 1. An Introduction in which the relevance, scientific interest and purpose of the project are defended. 2. A state of the art in which the background to the subject is presented, especially its historiographical treatment, and the different approaches from which it has been addressed, including the most relevant commented bibliography. 3. A theoretical and methodological reflection on the development of the research. 4. A list of sources to be used, indicating the performance expected from them and their location. 5. A critical analysis of a sample of these sources, or, alternatively, the elaboration of a restricted aspect of the future work, using primary sources

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

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



## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Those knowledge acquired throughout the postgraduate courses

## COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Adquirir la capacidad de desarrollar un pensamiento crítico encaminado a la comprensión profunda de situaciones complejas

Alcanzar un dominio de los conocimientos y métodos de la Historia Contemporánea que permita seguir posteriormente estudios de Doctorado.

Capacidad de comunicar, oralmente y por escrito, sus conocimientos y argumentos históricos a públicos especializados y no especializados de una forma clara y ordenada

Capacidad de uso y generación de conocimientos científicos en el campo de la Historia Contemporánea

Demostrar un conocimiento profundo de los distintos enfoques metodológicos y de las tendencias historiográficas relacionadas con la Edad Contemporánea.

Poseer las habilidades que les permitan continuar avanzando en el conocimiento de la Historia Contemporánea

Redactar ensayos o síntesis de carácter historiográfico y trabajos de investigación, utilizando el lenguaje y las reglas propias de la comunicación científica.

Ser capaz de leer, resumir o transcribir y analizar de forma pertinente documentos históricos.

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

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

### 1. Final Postdegree Paper

## WORKLOAD

**PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

| Activity                                        | Hours       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Attendance at supplementary activities          | 0,00        |
| Monitoring and tutoring of the master's thesis  | 0,00        |
| Presentation and defence of the master's thesis | 0,00        |
| <b>Total hours</b>                              | <b>0,00</b> |

**NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

| Activity                                       | Hours       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Independent preparation of the master's thesis | 0,00        |
| Preparation of the master's thesis project     | 0,00        |
| <b>Total hours</b>                             | <b>0,00</b> |

**TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

- Investigation of sources
- Regular consultations with the Director of the TFM
- A Written paper of 60 pages.
- Oral defense of the paper.

**EVALUATION**

Content and public defense of the TFM (0-10)

The Commission will deliberate behind closed doors for the necessary time and will award a rating to each work (numerical from 0 to 10, expressed as a decimal and with the corresponding qualitative equivalence: Excellent, Remarkable, Passed or Suspended,). The result of this deliberation will be reflected by the secretary in a record, which will be signed by all members of the Commission.

The Commissions will evaluate the following aspects of the TFM:

- Quality of the writing and richness of the language used



- Adequate application of the technical rules of an academic work
- Clarity, conceptual precision and general coherence of the argumentation
- Relevance of the chosen topic, pertinence of its justification and general viability of the project
- Richness of the bibliography used and critical quality of the state of the matter
- Depth of source criticism
- Results of the analysis essay based on the sources used

## REFERENCES

- Depending on the research, tutors will offer appropriate references.