

## Research Methods

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Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 1.0

Year : 1 Semester : 1

## REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Bachelor's Degree

## OBJECTIVES

1. Introduce students to research techniques that may be useful for the preparation of his/her works and future doctoral thesis: selection of topics, hypotheses, structure, methods, systems of citations and references, etc.
2. Provide methodological guidance for research in the field of law, human rights and philosophical/legal studies.
3. Establish formal and procedural guidelines to facilitate the development of a quality work.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. What is a research?
2. The choice of subject/topic/issue: Basic principles.
3. The search for material: use of sources
4. The theoretical framework.
5. The principles of argumentation.
6. Scheme of work: defining the problem (hypothesis), methodology, work plan and outline.
7. The legal writing.
8. Reference systems. How to cite.
9. Bibliography
10. Plagiarism.

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Basic concepts, logical and chronological steps in a research paper.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Regular Call: The subject is assessed by considering the attendance and participation of students, and the delivery of a final paper.

Extra Call: The subject is assessed by the delivery of a extra paper.

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| <b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>                                           | 0   |
| <b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b> | 100 |

## BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Escudero Alday, R. y García Añón, J. Cómo se hace un trabajo de investigación en Derecho, Los Libros de la Catarata, 2013

## ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Atienza, M. Técnicas de argumentación jurídica, Trotta, 2013
- Courtis, C. (ed.) Observar la ley. Ensayos sobre metodología de la investigación jurídica, Trotta, 2006
- Cuerda, A. Cum Laude. Guía para realizar una tesis doctoral en Derecho, Tecnos, 2008
- Eco, U. Cómo se hace una tesis, Gedisa, 1994
- Weston, A. Las claves de la argumentación, Ariel, 1994

## BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- Biblioteca UC3M . Cómo citar bibliografía:

[http://www.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/biblioteca/aprende\\_usar/como\\_citar\\_bibliografia](http://www.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/biblioteca/aprende_usar/como_citar_bibliografia)

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<http://www.uned.es/deahe/Que%20es%20como%20se%20hace%20una%20Tesis%20Doctoral.pdf>

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