

Bachelor Thesis (Law)

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020)

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Department assigned to the subject: Criminal Law, Procedural Law and History Law Department, International Law,

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Type: Bachelor Thesis ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 5 Semester :

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

The requirements to enroll in the Bachelor Thesis are established by the University regulations.

Only those students who enroll in all the pending courses to finish their studies can register for the thesis.

OBJECTIVES

- Knowledge of legal questions.
- Knowledge of legal methodology: techniques, use of doctrine, legal argumentation, etc.
- Writing communication skills.
- Oral communication skills.
- Ethical skills.
- Use of knowledge for solving legal problems.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The students must develop an individual thesis where they show the skills and abilities acquired in the Degree.

The Bachelor Thesis must be original, with a theoretical or applied orientation.

The students will have assigned a personal tutor to supervise their Bachelor Thesis. There are two ways to organize the relationship with the tutor, and consequently the subject can be structured in two ways:

a) General modality: The students are organized in class groups analogously to any other groups (enrollment, class, internet, etc.). Each group is linked to a specific field of legal knowledge, with a specialized tutor in each particular area. Students joining a group implicitly accept to develop a Bachelor Thesis in that particular area. The student will propose a particular topic to the tutor, who must authorize the project. The maximum number of students per group is determined by the Bachelor direction, accordingly with the University rules. If for one group the demand exceeds the supply, the assignment will be based on students' previous academic records.

b) Specific modality: This is a specific subject work to be done by a student under the supervision of one tenured professor of the University. The students wishing to work under this modality should request a professor for his/her acceptance to supervise their work beforehand. Then, candidate students must submit to the general coordinator of this subject an application form signed by the professor who accepts to supervise his/her Bachelor Thesis, for consideration and approval. After this step, students must enroll in the group of "Specific Mode". This group consists of all the students who are going to work on the thesis according to the specific mode and the administrative organization of the group is similar to any other undergraduate courses.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The teaching-learning method will be tutorial. The tutor is the advisor who guides the students of the best options to choose throughout the thesis preparing process.

According to University rules, each tutor should spend the next time for the tutorial activities:

a) General Modality:

- One collective orientation session: at least 2 hours.
- Individual orientation sessions: at least 2 hours for each student.

b) Specific Modality:

- Individual orientation sessions: at least 4 hours for each student.

Finally, the tutor will elaborate a report of the thesis supervised. This report will be notified to the student and to the evaluation committee. The report is not binding for the committee.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The thesis will be defended in public sessions in front of a committee. This committee consists of two Law professors. The grade of the thesis is given by the committee based on its evaluation of the work presented, the report from the tutor and the thesis oral defense of the student. The evaluation is made with a form which assesses different skills of the student.

There are two thesis defense periods: July and September. The students can defend the thesis only if they have passed all the subjects of the Degree; or they have just one subject suspended or the External Works not approved. These requirements are not cumulative.

Those students who have registered in the course and do not meet this requirement at the end of the academic year can dispense the exam. They must do the thesis presentation and defense in the next course or in the next defense period.

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BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 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, Madrid
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- Latorre, V. Bases metodológicas de la investigación jurídica, Tirant lo Blanch, 2011

BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- UC3M Library . How to do a Bachelor Thesis: <http://uc3m.libguides.com/TFG/>