

Research Methods

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

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

Coordinating teacher: CUENCA GOMEZ, PATRICIA

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 (10%), and the delivery of a final paper (90%).

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

% end-of-term-examination:	0
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	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

- Leopoldo Gonzalo . Qué es, cómo se hace una tesis doctoral:

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

- María Torregrosa . ¿Cómo se hace una tesis doctoral?: <http://www.unav.es/gep/Metodologia/TesisDoctoral.html>