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Bachelor Thesis (Sociology)

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 21-04-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Analysis Department Coordinating teacher: GOMEZ GARCIA, MARIA VICTORIA PALOMA

Type: Bachelor Thesis ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 5 Semester:

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Only studens who have passed or enrolled the credits necessary to obtain the degree may enroll in the Bachelor Degree thesis.

OBJECTIVES

The Bachelor Degree Thesis will provide the student with:

- S/He will put into practice the theoretical, methodological and technical knowledge, as well as the instrumental skills acquired during their degree studies
- S/He will review and synthesise the scientific literature appropriate to their object of study
- S/He will be able to clearly state targets and hypotheses and consistenly structure a research piece of work
- S/He will become familiar with the relevant argumentation and theories and adapt them to the purpose of their research
- S/He will display ability to only use sources and resources recognized by the scientific community and quote them rigorously
- S/He will acquire practical experience in the use of research methods
- S/He will transmit clearly relevant findings
- S/He will be able to explain and defend the reasons for the choice of a particular research topic, the structure of the research, the use of soruces, the relevant findings and the main conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The Bachelor Degree Thesis aims to give students the opportunity to show the scientific and methodological level they have reached in their studies by conducting work on a specific topic.

The Bachelor Degree Thesis is conceived from a flexible approach:

- Critical analysis of existing scientific studies
- Critical comparison of sociological theories
- Critical review of interpretations of a given topic
- Methodological proposal or revision
- Essay of application of sociological theories to a case study
- Secondary data analysis
- Test of recollection, systematization and application of primary data to the object of study
- Any other consistent and well founded approach

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The Bachelor Degree Thesis can be done following two different paths:

- General: The general modality of the Bachelor Degree Thesis on Sociology is based on the idea that students work on the subject they prefer, always directed and supervised by their tutors. Training

activities will include personalised tutoring and orientation sessions or joint seminars.

- Specific: modality in which a student works under the direction of a teacher (not previously appointed as a tutor) who must accept this rol.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

According to the rules of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, the student's final mark will be the weighted average of the mark awarded by the tutor (with a weight of 30%) and the mark awarded by the tribunal (with a weight of 70%).

The evaluation of the Bachelor Thesis Degree by the tribunal will attend to the following distribution:

- Dissertation (5 points)
- Methodology (3 points)
- Defense (2 points)

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