



## Teaching Guide

| Identifying Data           |  |               |                | 2017/18        |  |
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| <b>Subject (*)</b>         | Methodology and Research in the Literature and Culture of the English-Speaking World   | <b>Code</b>   | 613505002      |                |  |
| <b>Study programme</b>     | Mestrado Universitario en Estudos Ingleses Avanzados e as súas Aplicacións (2013)  |               |                |                |  |
| Descriptors                |  |               |                |                |  |
| <b>Cycle</b>               | <b>Period</b>  | <b>Year</b>   | <b>Type</b>    | <b>Credits</b> |  |
| Official Master's Degree   | 1st four-month period  | First         | Obligatoria    | 3              |  |
| <b>Language</b>            | English  |               |                |                |  |
| <b>Teaching method</b>     | Face-to-face   |               |                |                |  |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>       |  |               |                |                |  |
| <b>Department</b>          | Letras   |               |                |                |  |
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| <b>Web</b>                 | www.imaes.eu/?page_id=31   |               |                |                |  |
| <b>General description</b> | <p><b>AIMS:</b></p> <p>To introduce students to the purposes and methods of literary and cultural research in the humanities.</p> <p>To familiarise the students with the methods of finding information on literary and cultural topics in English.</p> <p>To inform the students about the major trends of literary and cultural scholarship in English-Speaking countries.</p> <p>To help students distinguish among different research activities through practical exercises in order to train them for their professional future as academics in the field of Literature and Culture.</p> <p>To engender the students' autonomous learning by asking them to analyze texts, to prepare presentations and debates, and to write abstracts, reviews, and essays, following the instructions given in the class and in tutorials.</p> |               |                |                |  |

## Study programme competences

| Code | Study programme competences  |
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| A9   | E09 ? Familiarity with the main models and resources in literary/cultural research in the English-speaking domain.   |
| A10  | E10 ? Ability to use appropriate techniques for the analysis of artistic and cultural texts in the English-speaking domain.  |
| A11  | E11 ? Ability to identify and analyse the most relevant characteristics of culture and institutions in the English-speaking world through the study of different types of texts belonging to different historical periods.   |
| B1   | CB6 ? Students should have the knowledge and understanding necessary to provide a basis or opportunity for originality in the development and/or application of ideas, often in a research context.  |
| B2   | CB7 - Students should be able to apply the knowledge acquired and a problem-solving capacity to new or lesser known areas within wider contexts (or multidisciplinary contexts) related to the study area.   |
| B4   | CB9 ? Students must be able to communicate their conclusions, as well as the knowledge and reasoning behind them, to both specialized and general audiences in a clear and unambiguous way   |
| B6   | G01 ? The capacity to delve into those concepts, principles, theories or models related with the different fields of English Studies is a necessary skill, as is the ability to solve specific problems in a particular field of study via appropriate methodology.                      |
| B7   | G02 ? Students must be capable of applying the knowledge acquired in the multidisciplinary and multifaceted area of English Studies  |
| B9   | G04 ? Students must be able to publicly present their ideas, reports or experiences, as well as give informed opinions based on criteria, external norms or personal reflection. All of this implies having sufficient command of both oral and written academic and scientific language |
| B10  | G05 ? Skills related to research and the handling of new knowledge and information in the context of English Studies are to be acquired by students  |
| B11  | G06 ? Students should be able to develop a critical sense in order to assess the relevance of both existing research in the fields of English Studies, and their own research.   |
| B13  | G08 ? Students should become progressively autonomous in the learning process, and in the search for appropriate resources and information, via the use of bibliographic and documentary sources related to English Studies.   |
| B14  | G09 ? Students are expected to be able to carry out research projects of an academic nature in the different fields of English Studies   |



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| B15 | G10 ? The ability to present and defend a research project using adequate terminology and resources appropriate to the field of study is a skill which should be acquired. |
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| Learning outcomes  |                             |      |
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| Learning outcomes  | Study programme competences |      |
| -Coñecemento dos modelos e recursos de investigación literaria/cultural no ámbito anglófono  | AR9                         |      |
| -Capacidade de utilizar as técnicas empregadas para a análise de textos  | AR10                        |      |
| -Capacidade para identificar e analizar as características máis relevantes da cultura e das institucións   | AR11                        |      |
| -Posuír e comprender coñecementos que acheguen unha base de ser orixinais nun contexto de investigación  |                             | BR1  |
| -Que os estudantes saiban aplicar os coñecementos adquiridos   |                             | BR2  |
| -Que os estudantes sexan capaces de integrar coñecementos e se enfrontar á complexidade de formular xuízos sobre as responsabilidades sociais e éticas |                             | BR4  |
|  |                             | BR6  |
| -Que os estudantes saiban comunicar as súas conclusións a públicos especializados e non especializados   |                             | BR7  |
| -Que os estudantes posúan as habilidades de aprendizaxe autónomo   |                             | BR9  |
| -Capacidade de afondar naqueles conceptos, principios, teorías ou modelos relacionados cos Estudos Ingleses,   |                             |      |
| -Capacidade para aplicar os coñecementos adquiridos na contorna multidisciplinar e multifacética dos Estudos Ingleses                                  |                             |      |
| -Habilidade para investigar e manexar novos coñecementos e información no contexto dos Estudos Ingleses  |                             | BR10 |
| -Capacidade para adquirir un espírito crítico que leve aos estudantes a considerar a pertinencia das investigacións existentes                         |                             | BR11 |
| -Autonomía progresiva na aprendizaxe (ex. procuras propias de recursos de información)   |                             | BR13 |
| -Capacidade para realizar traballos de investigación de carácter académico   |                             | BR14 |
| -Capacidade para presentar e defender un traballo de investigación   |                             | BR15 |

| Contents  |           |
|---|-----------|
| Topic   | Sub-topic |
| 1. Introduction.  |           |
| 2. The research paper (types and characteristics).        |           |
| 3. Writing the project.                                   |           |
| 4. Aims, methodology, corpus, argument, and structure.    |           |
| 5. Working with data.                                     |           |
| 6. Working with other materials.                          |           |
| 7. Language requirements.                                 |           |
| 8. Manuals of style.                                      |           |
| 9. Presenting and publishing a research paper.            |           |
| 10. Legal issues.   |           |
| 11. Other applications of literary and cultural research. |           |

| Planning               |                        |                      |                               |             |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Methodologies / tests  | Competencies           | Ordinary class hours | Student?s personal work hours | Total hours |
| Supervised projects    | A9 A10 A11             | 2                    | 18                            | 20          |
| Oral presentation      | B1 B2 B4 B6 B7 B9      | 5                    | 0                             | 5           |
| Seminar                | B10 B11 B13 B14<br>B15 | 10                   | 40                            | 50          |
| Personalized attention |                        | 0                    |                               | 0           |

(\*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

| Methodologies |             |
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| Methodologies | Description |
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| Supervised projects | <p>Methodology designed to promote independent learning of students, under the guidance of the teacher, and in various (academic and professional) scenarios.</p> <p>The supervised projects will include, among other tasks, online coursework.</p>  |
| Oral presentation   | <p>Inherent in the teaching-learning methodology, this activity is based on oral participation through which students present their work.</p> <p>The oral presentation is one of the practical assignments done by the students.</p>  |
| Seminar             | <p>Technique of group work that aims for the intensive study of a topic or reading. It is characterized by discussion, participation, preparation of documents and the conclusions that all the seminar members have to reach.</p> <p>There will be theoretical and practical sessions, as well as class debates.</p> |

### Personalized attention

| Methodologies       | Description  |
|---------------------|--|
| Supervised projects | I am available to the students in my office during tutorial hours, as well as via phone and email. |

### Assessment

| Methodologies       | Competencies           | Description   | Qualification |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|---------------|
| Seminar             | B10 B11 B13 B14<br>B15 | -Participation in class, during the sessions and through other channels (e.g. e-mail, discussion forums, virtual platform).   | 30            |
| Supervised projects | A9 A10 A11             | Activities may include:<br>-Critical summaries and/or reviews of compulsory readings.<br>-Writing an abstract (research questions, approach, method, data, expected results) plus its keywords.<br>-Writing a research paper. | 50            |
| Oral presentation   | B1 B2 B4 B6 B7 B9      | -Preparing an oral presentation.  | 20            |

### Assessment comments



Given that the Master's Degree consists of both attendance-based and distance training, students are required to attend the classroom sessions, unless they have applied for, and have been granted, official exemption from class attendance. In this case, the evaluation will be done as follows: participation through channels such as e-mail, discussion forums, virtual platform, etc. (10%); oral or written exam (20%); other forms of written work (50%); and oral presentation, either live or recorded (20%).

**Students**

who do not submit a supervised project, or who fail to submit at least 50% of the other tasks for assessment, will be graded as absent from assessment (NP: no presentado).

**Students**

who do not pass in the first opportunity will be able to re-sit in July, when they will be required to demonstrate that they have acquired the skills for each module via two types of assessment: a supervised project with the same percentage value and characteristics as in the first opportunity, plus the exercises agreed upon with the lecturer(s) as a substitute for the other activities of the module.

**As**

the common guide says, the total competencies to be acquired in this subject are: CB6, CB7, CB9, G01, G02, G04, G05, G06, G08, G09, G10, E09, E10, E11

**Sources of information**

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>Basic</b>         | (Bibliografía)Altick, Richard D., and John Fenstermaker. The Art of Literary Research. W. W. Norton & Co., 1992. Bourdieu, Pierre, et al. Academic Discourse: Linguistic Misunderstanding and Professional Power. Stanford University Press, 1994. Canagarajah, A. Suresh. Critical Academic Writing and Multilingual Students. The University of Michigan Press, 2002. The Chicago Manual of Style. 16th ed., The University of Chicago Press, 2010. Da Sousa Correa, Delia and W. R. Owens, editors. The Handbook to Literary Research. Routledge, 2009. Durham, Meenakshi Gigi and Douglas M. Kellner, editors. Media and Cultural Studies: Keywords. Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. Henry, D. J. and A. Dorling Kindersley. Writing for Life: Paragraph to Essay. Longman, 2007. The Hodges Harbrace Handbook. Wadsworth, 2010. Leitch, Vincent B. et al, editors. The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism. 2nd ed., W. W. Norton & Co., 2010. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 8th ed., Modern Language Association, 2016. Soriano, Ramón. Cómo se escribe una tesis. Guía práctica para estudiantes e investigadores. Berenice, 2008. Walker, Melissa. Writing Research Papers. A Norton Guide. W. W. Norton & Co., 1996. Wisker, Gina. The Postgraduate Research Handbook. 2nd ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. (Webs: URLs) Modern Language Association: <a href="http://www.mla.org/">http://www.mla.org/</a> The Norton Introduction to Literature: <a href="http://www.norton.com/college/english/litweb10/writing/">http://www.norton.com/college/english/litweb10/writing/</a> Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): <a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/</a> |
| <b>Complementary</b> |   |

**Recommendations**

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus

**Other comments**



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