

Research Seminar

2021-2022 Academic Year
Master of Research in Economics, Finance and Management

1. Description of the subject

- Research Seminar
- Total credits: 10 ECTS
- Type of subject: Compulsory
- Department of Economics and Business
- Coordinator: F.Cerigioni
- Teaching team:
J.Apesteguia/B.Arruñada/I.Baley/C.Brownlees/F.Cerigioni/J. De Armas/
J.Eeckhout/K.Evdokimov/F.Germano/J.Gil/L.González/G.Le Mens/
G.Leon/G.Mesters/M.Motta/L.Pascali/J.Peydro/J.Ventura

Code: 31587
Workload: 250 hours
Terms: 1st and 2nd

Updated: 30/08/2021

2. Teaching guide

- **Introduction**

In your academic studies, most of you have been consuming research but now face the challenge of producing it. The purpose of this course is to help you in the jump from the consumption to the production of research.

The course will start with a brief explanation of what is expected of you in the Ph.D. and in this course. Moreover, you will be exposed to the general problem of doing research and being part of the scientific community. The core of the course will be structured around different presentations by many faculty members that will introduce you to their own research. The collection of presentations will be diverse in topics and methodology. The overall course will be coordinated by Francesco Cerigioni.

- **Teaching methodology**

Each professor will provide specific readings beforehand and require students to make a brief but critical referee report. In the beginning of the course, you will be taught what a referee report is and what is expected of you. The reports should highlight: (1) the ideas (substantive and/or methodological) that you find interesting and (2) the problems/advantages you see in the adopted methodology. The reports should not simply summarize the papers. They have to be handed in before the first presentation of each professor.

The papers for each professor will be available beforehand.

- **Grading System**

The evaluation of the course will be as follows:

- **10%:** Class Participation
- **30%:** Average grade obtained in the reports.
The reports can be done in groups of maximum 4 students and they will be graded by each professor. At the end of the course the average grade will be calculated.
- **60%:** Each student has to choose a topic among those presented and hand-in a paper **before 12:00 of April the 30th**. This paper should be the beginning of a proper research project. That is, the paper should contain an initial but solid idea developed as deeply as possible.
The idea should be discussed first with the professor teaching the chosen topic and it can be developed only if the professor agrees.

3. Instructors for the course

(Thursdays: 14:30 to 16:30)

Week # 01	30-Sep	J.Apesteguia/F.Cerigioni (Ph.D. and this course)
Week # 02	07-Oct	I.Baley (Research Methods)
Week # 03	14-Oct	I.Baley (Research Methods)
Week # 04	21-Oct	I.Baley (Macro)
Week # 05	28-Oct	G.Le Mens (Management)
Week # 06	04-Nov	J. De Armas (Management)
Week # 07	11-Nov	B.Arruñada (Management)

Week # 08	18-Nov	G.Leon	(Applied)
Week # 09	25-Nov	L.Pascali	(Applied)
Week # 10	02-Dec	C.Brownlees	(Econometrics)
Week # 11	13-Jan	L.González	(Applied)
Week # 12	20-Jan	K.Evdokimov	(Econometrics)
Week # 13	27-Jan	G.Mesters	(Econometrics)
Week # 14	03-Feb	J.Peydro	(Finance)
Week # 15	10-Feb	J.Eeckhout	(Micro)
Week # 16	17-Feb	J.Gil	(Finance)
Week # 17	24-Feb	F.Germano	(Micro)
Week # 18	03-Mar	M.Motta	(Micro)
Week # 19	10-Mar	F.Cerigioni	(Micro)
Week # 20	17-Mar	J.Ventura	(Macro)