



MASTER'S DEGREE IN WORLD HISTORY

MASTER'S DEGREE FINAL PROJECT

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

- In essence, the research project shall consist of an **original exercise** about the **state of play** in relation to a topic.
- Students should agree on the topic of their project with the supervisor who shall monitor the project to ensure it is prepared appropriately and give endorsement to its presentation.
- In their project, students should demonstrate that they possess an excellent command of the subject matter, which shall involve in-depth use of the bibliography available, extensive analyses of it and an effective ability to summarise the findings.
- The use of primary sources or, failing this, knowledge of which sources are the key ones in order to cover the topic area and where they may be found shall be viewed in a positive light.
- It is essential to demonstrate an accurate level of written expression adhering to all formal aspects of academic papers (structure, notes, quotations, etc.).
- The paper should not exceed a word count of 20,000.

RESEARCH PROJECT STRUCTURE

Title

- The title must fit in with the topic dealt with in the project.

Author

- The author's forename and surnames should be clearly stated on the project paper.

Supervisor

- The name of the supervisor should be clearly stated on the project paper.

Keywords (no more than 8)

- The author shall choose up to eight words to describe the subject of the research.

Abstract (no more than 500 words)

- The author shall summarise the foremost aspects of the areas dealt with in the following sections of the paper.

Introduction

- The author shall set out the aims of the paper and the historiographical interest of the topic area discussed.

Body of the paper

- The author shall set out the state of knowledge concerning the subject area researched.
- The author shall mention the main historiographical contributions to the subject area researched.
- The author shall present this section of the paper in a structured fashion, divided into sections (and sub-sections, if needed) depending on the main issues that are considered fundamental in order to analyse the topic area studied.

Conclusions

- The author shall sum up the key findings of his or her analysis.
- The author shall sum up the main shortcomings found in studying the subject matter.
- The author shall set out a number of future pathways to take the study of the topic area dealt with further.

Bibliography and sources

- The author shall prepare a list of the main bibliographical and documentation sources on which the project has been based.

PROJECT DELIVERY AND ASSESSMENT

- The deadline for submission shall be announced by email during the academic year giving students appropriate forewarning.
- Papers shall be submitted send it in pdf to our masters email address: master.historiadelmon@upf.edu.
- The defence of the paper shall be given in a public session. The paper shall be defended on the dates set for each academic year, always prior to the final day for recording grades.
- The secretary's office shall send the members of the assessment board a copy of the master's degree final project along with the electronic call, a copy of which shall be issued to the student. The session for the defence shall be disclosed by email.
- Assessment will involve a public session for defending the master's degree final project before an assessment board.
- The defence presentation should be no longer than 20 minutes.
- The student will then have a reasonable period of no more than 10 minutes in order to respond to the assessment board's remarks.
- ~~• The classroom where the session will be held will be equipped with a computer (with PowerPoint installed) and a projector.~~
- **The assessment board shall be formed by three doctor members: the project supervisor, a president and a secretary.**
- Each member of the assessment board will have a maximum period of 15 minutes to express their remarks.

GRADING

- The members of the assessment board will grade the master's degree final project according to the scale specified in Royal Decree 1125/2003, of 5 September, establishing the European system of credits and the grading system for official university degrees valid throughout national territory.
- The assessment board will grade the project defence with a mark between 10 (the highest) and 0. A mark below 5 will be a fail.



- The assessment board will be guided by the criteria set out in the "assessment system" for the master's degree in World History in order to grade the project.
- If the two voting members of the assessment board are unable to reach a consensus, the final mark will be the average of the two recommendations made.
- The assessment board shall record the grade for the project in a certificate to be signed by all three members of the assessment board.