

PRESENTATION

The Master's Degree in Advanced Studies and Research in History (Societies, Powers, Identities) is designed as a broad offer both to complement the knowledge gained during students' undergraduate degrees and to serve as initiation into research methodologies in the different areas of expertise considered. The Master's Degree is structured around broad profiles of specialization.

AIMS

Among the main aims of the Master's Degree is to offer students specialized training in contents and competences in all areas of History along its different periods and in archaeology. The aim is to advance the scientific and technical knowledge of graduates with a special interest in perfecting their research activities in these areas. This will take place within an ideal framework for the production of important, innovating scholarship in history, archaeology and /or prehistory.

A further aim is to offer advanced training for students in research techniques and tasks that will allow them to move on to a Doctorate and the preparation of a Doctoral Dissertation. To accomplish this, the objective is to prepare the students in a specialized way at the thematic, theoretical and methodological levels in different disciplines related to History and Archaeology. This is to foster in the students continuous reflection about the different materials that will enable them to project and engage in research work in any of such areas. This focus also entails providing the students with the necessary skills in systematization, scientific rigour and creativity, together with autonomy, self-criticism, and professional deontology.

A final aim is to enable access to a deeper knowledge of the disciplines inherent to studies addressing the different areas of knowledge that form part of the basis of western civilization; to offer students the possibility of learning about recent methodological innovations in the fields of Pre-History, Ancient History, Mediaeval History, Modern History, Contemporary History, the History of the Americas and Archaeology, and to generate a framework able to gather contributions from different fields of knowledge from an integrated and multidisciplinary perspective.

STRUCTURE OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE.

The *Master's Degree* is structured as follows:

- I. Compulsory 18 credits divided as follows: a six-credit subject in the first year (*The Drafting of Scientific Texts and Applied Technologies*), which has a high instrumental and methodological profile that is suitable for the teaching and research orientation of the Degree. The other 12 credits will entail the preparation of an End-of-Degree Project.

- II. An elective specialization comprising a total of 42 credits: one in Pre-History, Ancient History and Archaeology, and the other in Mediaeval History, Modern History, Contemporary History and the History of the Americas. The subjects are distributed over the two semesters of the study plan of the Degree. Students are offered a broad choice of elective subjects above and beyond the required number of elective credits.

In the specialization of Pre-History, Ancient History and Archaeology, students must take 18 compulsory credits and 6 elective credits in the first semester. In the second semester they must take 18 elective credits. A total of 42 credits in elective subjects is offered for students to choose from.

In the case of the specialization in Mediaeval History, Modern History, Contemporary History and the History of the Americas, students must earn 12 compulsory credits, 6 of them via a practicum –with three different options, one to be chosen by the student- another 3 via a subject of a historiographic nature (*New Trends in Historiography*), and another 3 instrumental credits, to be chosen from among four possible options. The practicum will take place during the second semester and the other two compulsory specialization subjects are to be taken in the first semester. As well as these subjects, students must earn a further 30 elective credits from among 48 offered. Within the specialization options students must earn 18 credits in the first semester and 12 credits in the second one.

Each of these specializations is open to the extent that students may choose a maximum of 6 elective specialization credits from the other program.

The structure described here is based on the division of the academic year into two semesters and the grouping of materials/subjects in three blocks, corresponding to the basic subjects that all students must take, the compulsory specialization subjects and the elective ones.