

IFI7509.DT (Master Thesis Seminar II)

Study load: (6 ECTS/EAP)	Load of hours: 135h	Study semester: Fall, 2025	Pass/Fail
Objectives:	<p>The aim of this seminar is to follow the Master thesis work progress and to provide individual support when needed.</p> <p>This course runs in parallel to your Master's thesis supervision and writing process.</p>		
Course outline:	<p>Course expected deliverables:</p> <p>To successfully complete this course students are required to...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will present their Master thesis choices; 2. Present their master thesis work progress; 3. Present an overview of the current status of works; and 4. Submit a draft of their master thesis.. 		
Learning Outcomes:	<p>To successfully complete this course students are expected to develop the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to develop and implement a Research Design study; • Successful use of the bibliography for the enhancement of their writing • Establish clear interconnection between knowledge, technological tools and methodologies they have been taught throughout the master's program; • Demonstrate that he/she knows how to collect, analyse and interpret data; • Demonstrate critical thinking (e.g. Conclusions and discussion chapters) • Be ready to defend his/her work during the oral and written presentation of their thesis work. 		
Assessment Methods:	<p>You will be assessed as Pass/Fail. In this seminar we will have three main assessment requirements:</p> <p>Assessment One: Report on your "Master thesis choices" and your thesis work plan.</p> <p>Assessment Two: maintain a regular update of your activities and submit a draft of your work done.</p> <p>Assessment Three: Prepare to submit the thesis or be ready to justify the reasons for extending your Master's thesis work.</p> <p>After the thesis submission (06/05/2025) Prepare for the defense.</p>		

	<p>The threshold for passing the course is 60%.</p> <p>The Final Grade = Work plan report (15%) + Work update (25%) + draft of your work (35%) + Preparation & reflection (25%)</p> <p>(more detailed information about the assessment criteria is available at the end of this document)</p>
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Prerequisite subject(s):	None.
Compulsory Literature:	To be determined by students according to the activity plan proposed.
Participation and Exam requirements:	<p>To pass students must carry out at least the following activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Provide a comprehensive working plan. (2) Maintain and regularly update your activities; (3) Report the activities and submit their thesis work progress. (4) Prepare and reflect on the thesis submission and defense.
Independent work:	Field activities (run-time: 10 weeks).
Grading criteria scale or the minimal level necessary for passing the subject:	<p>A - 90-100% of the work is done - excellent: outstanding work with only a few minor errors.</p> <p>B - 80-90% of the work is done - very good: above-average work but with some minor errors.</p> <p>C - 70-80% of the work is done - good: generally good work with a number of notable errors.</p> <p>D - 60-70% of the work is done - satisfactory: reasonable work but with significant shortcomings.</p> <p>E - 50-60% of the work is done - sufficient: passable performance meeting the minimum criteria.</p>

	F- less than 50% of the work is done - fail: more work is required before the credit can be awarded.
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Assessment criteria in detail

The main activities for this course:

Date	Activity
Session 1 &: 05/02 - 04/03	Read carefully the pedagogical script and do the Assignment activities. Revise the working plan according to the feedback provided by your supervisor and start working on your master thesis proposal. due date: 04/03/2025
HW (Assignment 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on your "Master thesis choices"; and • Submit a work plan.
Session 3 & 5: 05/03-15/04	Maintain a regular update of your activities. Mentoring meeting
HW (Assignment 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit and present a draft of the work done.
	Reading and Reflection Week
Session 6: 16/04 - 22/04	Prepare to submit the thesis or be ready to justify the reasons for extending your Master's thesis work.
After the thesis submission (06/05/2025)	Prepare for the defense