

MAGISTER LVCENTINVS

FINAL RESEARCH PROJECT (FRP)

GENERAL INFORMATION. CONTEXT OF THE SUBJECT

The Final Research Project (FRP), is a subject whose purpose is the accreditation by the student of the acquisition of the specialized knowledges subject of the Master program, as well as the competences associated with the Title. The FRP, duly tutored, can be framed in any of the four thematic areas which compose the Master: Patents and Technology Transfer; Trademarks, Designs and Competition Law; Copyright; and Information Technologies.

It's a subject of 6 ECTS credits (12 ECTS in the case of the Specialist Degrees) which is mandatory. In the case of the Master course it is located in the semester of the academic year, because only then students have achieved a general vision of the Master, which allows them to choose the subject matter of the FRP.

The FRP can be drafted and defended in any of the official languages of the Valencian Community (Spanish AND Valencian) or in English.

COMPETENCES AND OBJECTIVES. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES PROVIDED BY THE PROFESSORS

- Communicate fluently in written form.
- Use the new information technologies properly.
- Know how to synthesize contents from different knowledge areas.
- Identify the purpose of the research in order to ask the right questions.
- Apply the correct methods and proceedings for research.
- Position themselves critically before different study materials and different opinions, that will be used to carry out the FRP.
- Manage in a proactive way the learning process.
- Be able to analyze and interpret theoretical and empirical data relevant for the development of the research project.
- Be able to develop the basic formal and methodological aspects characteristic of an investigation.

CONTENTS. BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The FRP has to be an original, autonomous and personal work, which each student will carry out under the guidance of a tutor, which will allow the student to deepen the knowledge and practical application of the principles and methodologies of chosen study object, as well as the acquisition of the skills and competences described in the learning objectives.

THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL CONTENTS

Topics. The suggested topics for the FRP are four in total, coinciding with the four areas of knowledge that form the Master: Patents and Technology Transfer; Trademarks, Designs and Competition Law; Copyright; and Information Technologies. The student will have to develop a study based mainly on the analysis of recent case-law decisions on current issues. However, the FRP could have different approach based on students' initiative with the approval of the tutor.

Content and structure. The work should include the following issues: Motivations for choosing the topic, status of the issue on the chosen topic, research hypothesis, objectives, methodology, development, conclusions and resources used.

The FRP will have to include a cover page (Annex I- Cover page model).

The FRP must include a contents index. As a general rule, it is recommended to follow this content structure:

1. Introduction
2. Development
3. Conclusions
4. Bibliography

In addition, it must include a summary (with a maximum extension of 150 words), from 3 to 6 keywords, an index and a list of the bibliography used in order to collect and mention conveniently all the books, articles and materials used for the FRP. Likewise, the graphics and tables that appear must be accompanied by a reference to the sources from which they have obtained.

Presentation rules. The reports must comply with the following standards for presentation:

- The minimum length will be 20 pages and a maximum of 30 pages is recommended. In other words, minimum of 20.000 and maximum of 40.000 characters with spaces, not including the annexes or the footnotes.
- Paper format: DIN A4.

- Margins: Upper and lower (2,5 cm.) and right and left (3 cm.).
- Font type: Times New Roman (size 12 points). Interlinear of 1,5.
- Alignment: Complete justification.
- The footnotes must be written in typeface Times New Roman, size 10, with a simple alignment.
- Paragraph alignment of 0,5 cm. on the first line of each paragraph.
- There won't be space between paragraphs.
- The pages must be numbered in the lower central margin.
- Any bibliographical reference must be marked with quotation marks at the bottom of the page.
- The FRP must comply with formal rules of used (MLA, Harvard, APA, ISO, etc.) on citation, bibliography, numbering and correct ordering of chapters, etc.
- The bibliography will be se cited as follows:

Monograph: SURNAME SURNAME, NAME, *title of the work*, editorial, place, year.

For example, CORDÓN MORENO, F., *El arbitraje en el Derecho Español: Interno e internacional*, Aranzadi, Pamplona, 1995.

Article / Chapter: SURNAME SURNAME, NAME, *title of the work*, name of the magazine or publication, editorial, place, year, pages (beginning and end).

For example, Article from a magazine: BASSOLS COMA, M.: «La planificación y la intervención pública en la economía», en *La Empresa en la Constitución Española*, Aranzadi, Pamplona, 1989, pages 137-165.

For example, Chapter from a book: PORTERO MOLINA, J.A.: «La constitucionalización de los partidos políticos en la historia del constitucionalismo español», *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas*, núm. 1, 1978, pages 68-92.

ASSIGNMENT OF GUIDING LINES AND TUTOR

The FRP must deal with a topic related to the Magister Lvcentinvs program that each student must agree with the tutor that had been assigned to him or her, according to the following procedure:

- Through the month of February students will indicate in order of preference in which thematic area they want to carry out their research work.
- Based on the preferences indicated by the student and the grades obtained up to that moment, each student will be assigned a thematic area.

Once the thematic area had been assigned, the student will have to address to the coordinator of the corresponding module, who will assign the student a tutor, who could be the own coordinator or other professor assigned to one of the Departments of the University of Alicante with teaching at the Magister Lvcentinvs.

The student must arrange a first interview with the tutor in order to accord with him the concrete topic of the FRP, as well as the schedule that the student has to fulfill.

The basic functions of the tutor are:

Advise the student on the formal and substantive aspects of the work, being exclusive competence of the student the writing and resolution of problems raised at work.

Supervise compliance with deadlines, ensuring the correct progress in the realization of the project. In this sense, the tutor can establish dates of partial deliveries that grant the prosecution of the final objective, as well as a schedule that will include the minimum number of sessions or meetings face-to-face with the tutor that the student must attend. In these meetings the work plan will be fixed in order to follow the progress made by the student. The non-compliance of the deadlines by the student, as well as the lack of communication with the tutor in good time will exempt the tutor from the obligation to follow up the work. Accordingly, it is considered in this case the student who has not contacted the tutor two months before the date of delivery of the work.

Enforce the student in the resolution of those problems that may arise during the development of the project.

Evaluate the level of commitment of the student and the partial progresses made during the development of the project as well as the resulting final product.

The student will be able to consult with the tutor doubts about the structure of the work, the bibliographical sources and the formal aspects related to the work.

In no case may the tutor solve the questions raised or express his opinion regarding quality of the work done.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Each academic year, the Master's Direction will fix the maximum delivery date according to the delivery schedule of FRP of the Faculty of Law.

The student must send a copy of the FRP in digital format to the administrative secretariat of the Magister Lvcentinvs in due time.

The administrative secretariat of the Magister Lvcentinvs will send to the tutors the FRP submitted within the deadline for its evaluation.

The submission of the work after the deadline will carry the qualification of "non-submitted" in it, and will carry out the need of the student to enroll again in the FRP in

the following academic course. The student will also have the obligation to enroll in the following academic course in cases in which the qualification of the FRP is less than 5 out of 10.

EVALUATION (evaluation criteria and tools)

El FRP will be graded from 0 to 10 points.

Evaluation criteria. It will be valued:

- Strict scientific principles of the work (resources consulted, completeness in the argumentation...).
- Originality of the suggested methodological approach.
- Clarity of the exposition.
- Novelty of the conclusions proposed.
- Compliance with the schedule and attendance at the face-to-face tutoring.
- The tutor will analyze the originality and authorship of the work. In case of plagiarism or lack of originality the grade will be failed.

Tools of evaluation

The evaluation of the FRP will consist in the correction, by the responsible tutor, of the memorandum presented by the student. The students give the authorization for the Magister Lvcentinvs to keep a copy on digital format of the work. However, in order to make the research work available to the public in any digital repository, it will be asked an express authorization from the author.