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FICHA TÉCNICA DE LA ASIGNATURA

Datos de la asignatura

Nombre completo	Master's dissertation
Código	E000013491
Impartido en	Master in International Security Management [Primer Curso]
Nivel	Master
Cuatrimestre	Semestral
Créditos	6,0 ECTS
Carácter	Prueba Final Máster
Departamento / Área	Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales
Responsable	Ileana Daniela Serban
Descriptor	Final MSc thesis

Datos del profesorado

DATOS ESPECÍFICOS DE LA ASIGNATURA

Contextualización de la asignatura

Aportación al perfil profesional de la titulación

Final thesis

Competencias - Objetivos

Competencias

General competences

GC1 In-depth knowledge of the main vectors of international security that shape trends in global geopolitics.

GC2 Comprehensive understanding of the impact of new security threats on the management of international security.

Specific competences

SC1 Use of advanced data analysis tools relevant to the management of international security challenges.

SC2 Ability to identify and use the information necessary for the drafting and presentation of memoranda, reports and recommendations on international security issues.

SC3 Ability to identify and work with multiple actors and institutions to address uncertainty in the global security landscape in an adaptive manner.

SC4 A systemic understanding and identification of interconnected security challenges.

SC5 Ability to conduct risk assessments at all levels of security management and governance.



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SC6 Applied theoretical knowledge needed by international security professional working in different security areas.

SC7 Ability to carry out research work with academic and scientific rigour on international security topics.

SC8 Ability to make inferences for country risk management using established techniques and cutting-edge models.

SC9 Ability to manage new security threats through the identification of opportunities for change and the adoption of related policies.

SC10 Ability to manage a disinformation campaign.

SC11 Ability to develop and implement communication strategies at different levels.

SC12 Ability to develop and implement policies for recovery through contingency plans.

Resultados de Aprendizaje

1. **Develop Independent Research Skills:** Conduct a rigorous, original study on a relevant topic within international security management, demonstrating the ability to work independently.
2. **Enhance Critical Analysis:** Apply theoretical frameworks and methodologies to analyse complex security challenges and propose evidence-based conclusions.
3. **Master Research Methodologies:** Utilise appropriate qualitative, quantitative, or mixed research methods to structure and execute a comprehensive research project.
4. **Strengthen Policy and Strategic Thinking:** Formulate research-based recommendations with practical implications for policymakers, security professionals, and organisations.
5. **Communicate Findings Effectively:** Present research results in a clear, structured, and academically rigorous manner, both in writing and orally, demonstrating proficiency in academic argumentation and security discourse.

BLOQUES TEMÁTICOS Y CONTENIDOS

Contenidos – Bloques Temáticos

1. **Research Design and Methodology:** Defining research questions, selecting methods (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed), data collection and analysis.
2. **Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks:** Application of security studies, risk management, international relations, or policy analysis theories.
3. **Case Studies and Empirical Research:** In-depth exploration of specific security challenges, regional or global threats, and institutional responses.
4. **Ethical and Legal Considerations:** Addressing data protection, research ethics, and compliance with security-related regulations.
5. **Policy Implications and Strategic Recommendations:** Connecting academic research to real-world security challenges and proposing actionable insights.
6. **Thesis Writing and Presentation:** Structuring, drafting, and defending the final research project.

METODOLOGÍA DOCENTE

Aspectos metodológicos generales de la asignatura

Metodología Presencial: Actividades



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Regular meetings with the tutor.

EVALUACIÓN Y CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN

Evaluation	(%)
Final submitted document	60%
Evaluation of the process of writing up the thesis	40%

Calificaciones

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BIBLIOGRAFÍA Y RECURSOS

Bibliografía Básica

TBC for each thesis.