

Course	
Name	MASTER'S FINAL DISSERTATION
Degree	Official Master's Degree in International Migration
Year	2025-2026
Duration	Annual
ECTS credits	6 ECTS
Character	Obligatory
University	Comillas Pontifical University
Professor/Responsible	Nuria Lores Sánchez

COURSE SPECIFICS

Context of the course
The student will have to make a personal and unpublished final work about any of the subjects and dimensions of international development cooperation, under the supervision of an expert personal tutor in the subject of the student's choice. In this Master, given its eminently professional orientation, two types or two profiles are prioritized final course research. 1. Firstly, we opt for a type of research focused on the design, elaboration and justification of programs and projects of international cooperation for development. In this case the student, under the supervision of an expert tutor in the field, must present a cooperation project or program on a subject or dimension of special relevance within the field of cooperation. It is, therefore, a research work that, including elements of theoretical reflection on the issue being studied, is, above all, an applied research, focused on the design and development of practical and applicable instruments. Secondly, from the Master's degree onwards, the student chooses a type of research centered on the study of cases or concrete realities, with the aim of detecting both needs and social specificities, economic, political and cultural issues that should be taken into account when designing and carrying out a cooperation project in the chosen study area.

Competences – Goals	
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GENERAL	
CG-01	Acquire knowledge in the various areas of study based on advanced textbooks and including aspects that involve knowledge from the forefront of their field of study.

CG-03	Have the ability to synthesize and analyze relevant data to make judgments that include a reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues.
CG-04	Developing critical thinking.
CG-05	Acquire the ability to manage information, searching and analyzing information from various sources.
CG-09	Transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.
SPECIFIC	
CE-21	Capacity to carry out appropriate research with an eminently practical orientation in the field of international development cooperation.
CE-22	Ability to identify, understand and know how to use both sources and statistical techniques and computer tools to organize the information selected and raise reports, analysis and measures on development and development cooperation.
LEARNING OUTCOMES	
RA-01	To propose and develop a research project.
RA-02	Apply methodologies and tools for research in development cooperation.

CONTENTS AND MODULES	
1. Introduction to research. Some basic concepts. 2. Research in the field of cooperation. 3. The elaboration of research projects. 4. Social research methodology. 5. The elaboration of research works.	

METHODOLOGY ASPECTS

HOURS OF WORK	
ON-SITE HOURS	
Supervision of the final master's work: regular meetings with the Director of the work and discussion of the results.	Follow-up sessions for final projects: these are used to share work among students and to monitor the coordinator of final projects.
30.00	20.00

ONLINE HOURS		
Carrying out the final master's work: it requires the presentation of a project and the development of the research methodologies used in the field of international cooperation.		
200.00		
CRÉDITOS ECTS: 10,0 (250,00 horas)		
EVALUATION AND SYSTEM OF EVALUATION		
Evaluation activities	Evaluation system	Weights
Monitoring the development of the MFD	Detailed in the MFD guide	20%
Evaluation of your work	Detailed in the MFD guide	40%
Evaluation of public defense against court	Detailed in the MFD guide	40%