

Course Unit	Thesis/Final Project/Internship		Field of study	Public Administration/Law	
Master in	Local Government		School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism	
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	2	Level	2-2
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	30.0
			Code	5047-585-2101-00-23	
Workload (hours)	810	Contact hours	T	-	TP
			PL	-	TC
			S	-	E
			OT	40	O
T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other					

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Apply the knowledge acquired in research methodologies.
2. Apply knowledge about current scientific issues in Public Administration, namely in Municipal Administration and related areas, through participation in seminars.
3. Elaborate the state of the art of a R&D or professional application topic in Municipal Administration.
4. Perform a scientific research work, with publication of the results obtained through the elaboration of a dissertation, a project work or a professional internship report.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Master the main scientific areas of the Master:Public Administration/Law.
2. Master the English language at written and spoken level.

Course contents

Research Methodologies. Seminars. Dissertation or Project Work or Final Professional Internship Report.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Research Methodologies
 - Processes, methodologies and practices associated with research in Municipal Administration;
 - State-of-the-art of R&D theme or professional application in Municipal Administration.
2. Seminars
 - Carrying out seminars in Municipal Administration's area.
3. Dissertation/Project Work/Final Report of Professional Internship
 - Carrying out a scientific research work, with publication of the results obtained.

Recommended reading

1. Creswell, J. & Creswell, J. (2018). Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches (5th Edi.). Sage publications. ISBN-10: 1506386709
2. Reis, F. (2022). Investigação científica e trabalhos académicos: Guia prático. (2.ª edi.) Lisboa: Edições Sílabo. ISBN: 978-989-561-211-6
3. Vilelas, J. (2020). Investigação: O processo de construção do conhecimento (3.ª edi.). Lisboa: Edições Sílabo. ISBN: 978-989-561-097-6
4. Silvestre, H. & Araújo, J. (2012). Metodologia para a investigação social. Lisboa: Escolar Editora. ISBN: 9789725923290

Teaching and learning methods

Tutorial guidance throughout the academic period during which the dissertation/project work/professional internship final report is being developed.

Assessment methods

- According to the defined the rules of Master's IPB - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)

Language of instruction

1. Portuguese
2. English

Electronic validation

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