

Course title		Master Thesis Research Process				ECTS code		14.3.EE.OZ.3519			
						ECTS credits		5			
Name of unit administrating study		KET	Field of study		Economics	Field of specialisation		L&M;			
Teaching staff		Monika Bąk, Associate Professor ; Giuseppe T. Cirella, Professor									
Number of hours											
Lectures	0	Classes	0	Tutorials	30	Laboratory	0	Seminars	0	Language classes	0
Forma aktywności						Year&Type of studies*		1 SS2,			
Hours with the participation of the academic teacher (including office hours, exams, others):						Semester:		1,			
Hours without the participation of the academic teacher (student's self-study, homeworks):						Type of course:		obligatory			
Total number of hours:						0		Language of instruction:		English	
Teaching form		in-class learning									
Teaching methods		Discussion, questioning, Individual projects, Collaborating, group activities,									
Prerequisites (required courses and introductory requirements)											
Required courses		None									
Introductory requirements		None									
Assessment method, forms and criteria											
Assessment method		Course completion (graded)									
Assessment criteria		<p>Tasks will be calculated into 100 points (and converted into a percentage).</p> <p>The following percentile breakdown will be allocated for grading:</p> <p>5,0 points -- 90-100% [A] 4,5 points -- 80-89% [B+] 4,0 points -- 70-79% [B] 3,5 points -- 60-69% [C+] 3,0 points -- 50-59% [C] 2,0 points -- less than 50% [F]</p> <p>Assignment breakdown:</p> <p>Methodological background (research problem, questions, hypotheses and / or propositions and research methods) / individual work: Presentation of the idea [2.5%] Final essay [30%]</p> <p>Work in groups on the review paper: Outline of the review paper [2.5%] Draft of review paper [10%] Review paper - final submission [40%] Poster [15%]</p>									
Course objectives											
<p>Student will develop a methodological background of master thesis, including proper formulation of research problems, research questions, hypotheses and research methods.</p> <p>Students will also prepare a review paper by learning how to develop a literature review, critical thinking skills, and ability to filter material, cognizing research typology, writing and editing skills, and team player development.</p>											
Learning outcomes											
Knowledge		E2_W10	Student knows and understands the general concept and the rules of intellectual property and copyright regulations and understand how to refer these principles to the process of writing master thesis								
Verification of learning outcomes - Knowledge											

Outcomes	written exam	oral exam	test	essay/paper /portfolio	tasks/ homeworks	individual presentation	group presentation	classroom activities	classroom discussion	individual project	group project
E2_W10										X	X

Skills	E2_U09	Students are able to write a review paper
	E2_U10	Students are able to present methodological background of their master thesis and a review paper
	E2_U12	Students are able to plan their research process correctly
	E2_U15	Students are able to develop their competences in the field of research methods and are able to work efficiently in groups

Verification of learning outcomes - Skills

Outcomes	written exam	oral exam	test	essay/paper /portfolio	tasks/ homeworks	individual presentation	group presentation	classroom activities	classroom discussion	individual project	group project
E2_U09							X				X
E2_U10					X		X		X	X	
E2_U12								X	X		
E2_U15										X	X

Course contents

1. Requirements concerning Master thesis at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Gdansk
2. Research steps at Master level
3. Proper formulation of research problems, questions and hypotheses?
4. Identification of research methods
5. Sources of data and information
6. Development of a review paper: rules and assumptions

Recommended reading lists

Sage Research Methods - publication database available at UG: https://bg.ug.edu.pl/e-biblioteka/zasoby_elektroniczne

Creating an academic poster: <https://libguides.tru.ca/academicposters/size>

Examples of review papers, e.g.:

Cirella, G., Bąk, M., Koźlak, A., Pawłowska, B., & Borkowski, P. (2019). Transport innovations for elderly people. *Research in Transportation Business and Management*, 30, 1-17. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.rtbm.2019.100381>

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* SS1- undergraduate studies * SS2 - graduate studies * SDang - doctoral studies

** MSG - International Economic Relations