

Course Title	PREPARATION AND WRITING OF THE PHD DISSERTATION				
Course Code	PSY723				
Course Type	COMPULSORY				
Level	Doctorate (3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle)				
Year / Semester	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> semester				
Teacher's Name	TBA				
ECTS	10	Lectures / week	3/14 weeks	Laboratories / week	none
Course Purpose and Objectives	This course aims to provide to the students the opportunity to study in depth a specific topic in the field of psychology related to their own interests. To facilitate the process of application of principles and strategies to each research phase, from the formulation of the initial idea to the preparation and writing of the PhD dissertation and its presentation to a specialized committee.				
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon the completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate a deep understanding of a specific topic in psychology and analyse the related theoretical and research evidence.</li> <li>• Show a holistic understanding of selection and application of statistical and/or qualitative processes that are necessary for the completion of his/her research project.</li> <li>• Show independence and originality regarding the creation of a research project that includes a realistic idea when it comes to the time and space completion.</li> <li>• Carry out a literature review related to the chosen topic of research</li> <li>• Apply the ethical and deontology codes of the university and the Bioethical committee on the design and implementation of the project.</li> <li>• Present and support a research proposal</li> </ul>				
Prerequisites	PSY711 AND PSY712	Co-Requisites	None		
Course Content	By the end of this course the PhD candidates will possess the knowledge regarding each and every step for the creation of a research proposal, writing and completion of the PhD dissertation. Specifically, they will be able to define the specific area of interest and determine the topic of their own research. Perform literature reviews and organize their knowledge regarding their topic, identify any potential gaps in the literature that they could cover with their own research project, define their aims and hypotheses and select the adequate quantitative and/or qualitative methods for their examination. Also, they will know how to define their proposal according to the ethic and deontological rules and how to carry out the experimental part of their research as well as				

	<p>how to write and synthesize a discussion of potential results. Also, they will be able to manage effectively the APA (American Psychological Association) academic writing manual, so as to follow the international standards of writing. At the same time, they will be guided through the preparation of presentation of their results in public, so as to obtain a preparation for their insertion to the academic world, and also through the basic methods and systems of publication in international journals related to their field, aiming at an international recognition of their results.</p> <p>Apart from the teaching hours in group, students will have biweekly meetings with their supervisor so as to have a systematic approximation towards their specific topic and define the necessary steps towards the PhD dissertation completion.</p>								
Teaching Methodology	Face to face								
Bibliography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dunleavy, P. (2006). <i>Authoring a PhD: How to Plan, Draft, Write and Finish a Doctoral Thesis or Dissertation</i>. UK: Palgrave</li> <li>2. <i>Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association</i>, (2009). 6th Edition American Psychological Association. (<a href="http://www.apastyle.org/manual/">http://www.apastyle.org/manual/</a>)</li> </ol>								
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