



Course Syllabus

Course Code MIR-696DE	Course Title Thesis II	ECTS Credits 20
Prerequisites Completion of core requirements (60 ECTS)	Department Politics and Governance	Semester Fall/Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Lecturer Dr Michalis Kontos	Year of Study 2 nd
Mode of Delivery Distance Learning	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites MIR-695DE

Course Objectives:

The main purpose is the successful completion of a thesis that will demonstrate Master's level research, analytical and authoring capacity.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the thesis the student should have obtained the necessary research, analytical and authoring skills required at the Master's level.

Course Content:

1. Successful completion of MIR-695DE Thesis I, including the selection of a thesis topic and the preparation of a research proposal.
2. Research and writing a thesis under the guidance of an academic supervisor, in coordination with the Program Coordinator
3. Defence of the thesis before a three-members evaluation committee, appointed by the Department of Politics and Governance

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Personal guidance, research, writing, discussion

Assessment Methods:

To pass, a Thesis must achieve a mark of at least 60%. Theses achieving a mark of less than 60% fail to meet the standard required for the award of master's degree. Once the final Thesis has been submitted, the student cannot subsequently amend or withdraw it. It will be formally examined exactly as submitted. Should the examiners fail the Thesis, it can be resubmitted only one more time.

To pass, a Thesis must clearly demonstrate the following criteria to the satisfaction of the examiners, whose decision shall be final:

- Clear objectives and clear definition of the problem, issue or hypothesis addressed.
- Adequate and appropriate research/investigation design and methodology undertaken in a straightforward and justified manner.
- Straightforward and accurate analysis and interpretation of research findings using appropriate methods.
- Identification and correct use and review of the relevant literature in an appropriate manner.
- Critical and logical discussion that demonstrates a sound understanding of the chosen subject/topic and links theory to practice.
- Clear and valid conclusions that follow on naturally from the objectives and substance of the Thesis.
- Provision of the necessary evidence to support the chosen line of argument.
- Accurate source referencing, including a bibliography of relevant literature.
- Coherent content that is consistent with the title/topic.
- Appropriate presentation, structure and sequencing of context, including clear tables and charts where appropriate.
- Bibliography (a list of articles and books) and a table of legislation and cases (where required)
- Appropriate appendices to support the substance of the work.
- Clear English with accurate spelling but not necessarily completely accurate grammar.
- Is within +20% and -10% of required word length of 15.000 words, exclusive of appendices.
- Adherence to the requirements set down in this Guide.
- Tidy overall design and presentation and bound as specified.