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CES MA Seminar 2013-2015

The MA seminar runs in the Spring Semester (Year 1) and the Autumn Semester (Year 2) and is designed to help students to write a dissertation. The seminar concentrates on elaborating and refining the dissertation topic, appropriate methodology and research. Students are expected, apart from their systematic involvement in developing their projects, to present parts of their ongoing work.

Potential topics for dissertations which will be discussed during meetings:

- politics and politicians,
- sociology of politics,
- media and communication,
- European integration and Europeanization.

The MA seminar will include: in-class meeting, responsio, open lectures, intellectual property. Student must receive a pass mark for all parts of the MA seminar.

Intended learning outcomes

Student:

EK1: has ordered, extended knowledge about the theory of European integration and knows how to apply theoretical models to analyse the process of European integration, including sub-regional integration (K_W 09+++).

EK2: has the ability to follow and critically interpret phenomena and problems in contemporary European societies with respect for European political culture and European identities (K_U16++).

EK3: has extended knowledge about the role and importance of mass media in society and politics (K_W19++).

EK4: has ordered and extended knowledge of terminology used in the humanities and social sciences (K_W 03++).

EK5: has the ability to conceive, design, implement and undertake research using appropriate methodologies (K_U19++).

EK6: has an ability to search, gather and interpret data and information based on relevant sources; has the ability to evaluate the importance of sources (K_U01+++).

EK7: has the ability to read with comprehension and critically analyse texts pertinent to European studies and has the ability to compare them to texts presenting different views on the subject, confront them and draw his or her own conclusions (K_U02+++).

EK8: has enhanced research skills, which include formulating and analyzing research problems, choosing appropriate research methods and techniques,

presenting and disseminating the results of research, which allows to resolve problems in the field of European Studies (K_U03+++).

EK9: has the ability to effectively work individually as well as interact and work in a group, performing different roles in it (K-K02+).

All learning outcomes will be assessed based on the MA dissertation.

Requirements

1. The deadline for the submission of the thesis through the electronic system of the Jagiellonian University is 30 September 2015. Before the submission of their thesis, students must obtain approval from their thesis supervisor.

2. For this reason students of this MA seminar are required to send drafts of the whole dissertation by 1 September 2015 the latest. After emailing to me the first draft, I shall review it, comment upon it and return it to the student for corrections. This may be the final round, yet the thesis may require one or more similar rounds. Consequently, the deadline for emailing the full draft of a thesis to me is 13 September 2015.

3. I reserve the right to not comment upon and or approve dissertations whose first drafts are sent to me after 13 September. Therefore, I encourage students to send me the drafts of their theses well ahead of the above deadline for comments and approval.

4. Students are encouraged to describe and discuss their projects during the seminar in the form of oral presentation. Students are obliged to take notes and e-mail them to me the day after their presentations at the latest. The notes should contain:

- the name of the student, the title of the thesis,
- the content of the presentation that takes into account comments received during the session.

There is no word limit. The notes should be done in such a way as to facilitate students' further work on the thesis.

5. The prerequisite for receiving a pass for the MA seminar is attendance. Students who miss 6 or more sessions (out of 10 in a semester) will not receive passes for the seminar. Students who are absent 3, 4 or 5 times (in a semester) will have to write comments on the notes of the presenters from the given sessions and will have to e-mail them to me. There is no make up requirement for one or two absences (in a semester).

6. The requirement of receiving a pass for the MA seminar is:

1st semester: provisional main title as well as the planned structure / design of the whole projected text (chapters titles and subtitles, bibliography, approx. number of pages).

Alongside the above, students are advised to prepare and submit a structured outline of the thesis that includes:

(1) the title page done according to the CES template with all relevant information:

(a) first name, (middle initial if used) and family name of the student;

(b) his/her code number (numer albumu);

(c) the working title of the thesis, working subtitle if needed,

(d) reference to the supervisor: dr hab. Jacek H. Kołodziej,

(e) month and year, Kraków;

(2) the working titles of the chapters,

(3) under those titles, a brief description of the contents of each chapter;

(4) a bibliography / list of sources.

2nd semester: submission of (1) a structured outline of the thesis (as above, amended if necessary), and (2) the draft of one of the chapters.

Upon receipt of the submissions, I shall comment upon them and shall send the files with the comments back to students and/or discuss them in person.

Please make all submissions electronically to my email address: jacek.kolodziej@uj.edu.pl. It is advisable to use the USOS email system as the system for correspondence and submissions.

The deadlines for submissions (accepted by the supervisor) are the last days of the examination periods as specified in the CES calendar and/or JU calendar.

7. Any file related to the thesis that is sent to me electronically should include the full title page with the current working title, table of contents, and bibliography / list of sources.