



Asignatura: Master Project  
Código: 32773  
Centro: Facultad de Ciencias  
Titulación: Master of Inland Water Quality Assessment  
Nivel: Master  
Tipo: obligatoria- Mandatory  
Nº de créditos: 22 ECTS

## ASIGNATURA / **COURSE TITLE**

### TRABAJO FIN DE MASTER / **MASTER PROJECT**

#### 1.1. Código / **Course Number**

32773

#### 1.2. Materia / **Content area**

This course is mandatory and is not included in any higher rank area within the master

#### 1.3. Tipo / **Course type**

Compulsory / Master thesis

#### 1.4. Nivel / **Course level**

Master (second cycle)

#### 1.5. Curso / **Year**

1<sup>st</sup>

#### 1.6. Semestre / **Semester**

Annual 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### 1.7. Número de créditos / **Credit allotment**

22 ECTS

#### 1.8. Requisitos previos / **Prerequisites**

To start the project development students need to have all the previous courses passed. Exceptionally, students may have one failed course, although in any case it has to be passed before the defence.



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## 1.9. Requisitos mínimos de asistencia a las sesiones presenciales / **Minimum attendance requirement**

As the Master Project is an experimental work the students should dedicate full time (40 h /week) to this activity during the course project, including the Library resources course.

## 1.10. Datos del equipo docente / **Faculty data**

Docente(s) / **Lecturer(s): Antonio Quesada & Elvira Perona**  
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Horario de atención al alumnado/**Office hours:** Monday to Friday from 9-17 hours (preferably contact with the teacher previously)

## 1.11. Objetivos del curso / **Course objectives**

To develop a project (research or management) in which every student will work on inland waters quality. The student should design, develop the project and write a master thesis which will be presented publicly in oral format.

Students will learn to work in a professional way on a project related to Inland Water Quality Assessment

## 1.12. Contenidos del programa / **Course contents**

1. Library Resources Course: using electronic resources on Inland Water
2. Final Master project , to develop at any Institution regarding Inland water- Master thesis should follow next scheme:
  - To define the type of project: research and /or management
  - Entitle the project
  - To choose the academic and the technical tutor (when the project is not carried out in a University)



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- To write a pre-project that will be evaluated by the academic tutor, in which next points will be stated:

- Background
- Objectives
- Time dedication
- Expected results

- To develop and write the Thesis with next points:

- a. Abstract
- b. Abbreviations
- c. Objectives
- d. Methodologies
- e. Results
- f. Discussion
- g. References
- h. Other questions

- To prepare and present an oral communication of the project of no more than 30 min, that will be evaluated by an international committee.

### 1.13. Referencias de consulta / Course bibliography

Every Project will have a specific references list depending on the specific topics.

## 2. Métodos docentes / Teaching methodology

- Lectures and seminars for Library course and Master thesis task.
- e-learning activities will be available.

- Master thesis development: This will depend on the academic and technical tutors and will consist on scientific discussions

Two calls will be planned for the oral presentations: first call in end June beginning July, and a second one in September.



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### 3. Tiempo de trabajo del estudiante / **Student workload**

#### *AMOUNT OF STUDENT WORK MEASURED IN HOURS*

Task	Time (h)
Lecture attendance (presential and e-learning)	20
Research (presential)	350
Searching and reading references	50
Report preparation	100
Preparation of the oral exam	25
Exam (presential)	5
Total amount	550

### 4. Métodos de evaluación y porcentaje en la calificación final / **Evaluation procedures and weight of components in the final grade**

- A pre-project, a short text (of no more than 3 pages) that will be evaluated.
- A written Thesis (no more than 60 pages)
- An oral presentation of the project of no more than 30 min which will be evaluated by the committee.

#### **Evaluation**

The project will be evaluated in a continuous way by tutors (technical and academic). There will be an international committee formed by professors from UAM and professors involved in the consortium participating or not in the teaching.

The evaluation will consider the pre-project and the written Master Thesis. The committee after the evaluation of each task will pose questions and suggest modifications on the project development. Before submitting the final version of the master Thesis the students may incorporate the committee's suggestions (highly recommended).



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The committee and tutors will also will consider for the evaluation a written report by the technical and academic tutors about the development of the project at the institution, considering if the student has covered the expected time (depending on the ECTS credits) and their general attitude and learning process.

Any student that participated less than 10% of evaluable activities will be qualified as “unevaluated”.

The student will have two opportunities for presenting the master Project every academic year. (June/July and September)

## 5. Cronograma\* / Course calendar

Semana Week	Contenido Contents	Horas presenciales Contact hours	Horas no presenciales Independent study time
1- 2	Library Resources course	10-20	15
3	Master Thesis instruction	2	
4-15 *	Master Thesis develop	40 h /week *	
1	Oral presentation	5	35

Library course will be partially presential.

\*Master thesis will have different contact hours per week depending on the project and institutions requirements where will be develop.

### Tentative schedule for Master thesis:

- End September. List of Master thesis proposed by technical tutors.
- October. Students send their proposals to coordinators
- During November and December, contact period within tutors/students/ coordinators to assign projects.
- Before Christmas: assignation project list.
- March: pre-project will be upload in Moodle
- Oral presentation at the First or Second call:
- **First call:**
  - May: Submit the draft of Master Thesis (to evaluate)
  - June: tutors and committee will revise drafts and send the suggestions during the period



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- End June - Final version of Master Thesis
- Mid July - Final Evaluation of the project in the first call.
  
- **Extra call:** - Mid July: Submit the draft version of Master Thesis (to evaluate)
- End July/August: tutors and committee will revise drafts and send the suggestions during the period
- September: Final version of Master Thesis
- Mid September - Final Evaluation of the project in the second call.