

569833	SEMINARI EN INVESTIGACIÓ <b>Research Seminar</b> [2,5 ECTS – OPT.]	Elsa Tragant
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The seminar is meant to offer on-going support to students who are in the process of working on their master's thesis. Classes are devoted to student presentations of work in progress and getting feedback from classmates and the instructor. ONLY students who are registered for the MA thesis can register for this class.

### **Syllabus:**

- Writing a proposal
- The literature review.
- Data analysis and results
- Oral defence

### **Teaching methods**

Students presentations of work in progress followed by discussion of strengths and weaknesses and suggestions from improvement.

### **Assessment**

#### **Continuous assessment**

It consists of the following activities:

- Proposal: 20%
- Oral presentations and participation in discussion on work in progress: 60%
- Oral defence rehearsal: 20%.

#### **Examination-based assessment**

The course is based on continuous assessment; students who wish to be entered for single assessment must submit a written and signed request to that effect within the first two weeks of class.

Students entered for single assessment are expected to write feedback reports on their colleagues' final projects for the master's degree.

#### **Repeat assessment**

It follows the same procedure as for single assessment.

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