

Course Program

Subject code IFI7158	Master Thesis Seminar		
Study load – 3 (ECTS/EAP)	Load of contact hours: 0h (lectures) / 13h (workshops) / 0h (seminars)	Study semester: Fall (F1/F2)	Assessment: <i>Pass/Faill</i>
Objectives:	<p>To help each student in choosing and refining her or his master thesis interests and topics, methods and approaches.</p> <p>To develop an initial master thesis outline and project.</p>		
Course Outline	<p>The seminar is intended to facilitate individual orientation choices within the curriculum, and to help students structure the master thesis project from the very beginning of the program. This is done both in terms of individual tutoring and group works.</p>		
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Students develop initial master thesis outline and demonstrate how each individual goal will be achieved.</p>		
Assessment Methods:	<p>Pass/fail assessment. Requirements are: submitting an initial literature review; and presenting a master thesis proposal built upon the initial literature review which depicts a draft master thesis outline and foresees how the individual steps that will lead to the master thesis outline will be achieved over time; and registering the master thesis topic.</p>		
Teacher(s):	David Lamas, PhD		
Subject name in Estonian	Magistritöö seminar		
Prerequisite subject(s):	-		
Compulsory Literature	To be discussed with the teacher.		
Replacement Literature	To be discussed with the teacher.		
Participation and Exam requirements	<p>Students are required to submit and initial literature review, to peer present a master thesis proposal and to register their master thesis topic according to the</p>		

	rules and regulations of the Institute of Informatics.
<i>Independent work</i>	-
<i>Grading criteria scale or the minimal level necessary for passing the subject</i>	Grading criteria: Pass is granted to students who participate in the scheduled activities and deliver the literature review, the master thesis proposal and the master thesis topic registration form.
<i>Information about the course</i>	Schedules: 8.09.2012 (14:00 – 15:30) Introduction, presentation and discussion of individual research interests. Literature review and master thesis proposals essentials. 22.09.2012 (14:00 – 15:30) Discussion of the “How to read a paper” and “The framework of problem-based research” articles. 06.10.2012 (14:00 – 15:30) Presentation of PhD level ongoing research. 20.10.2012 (14:00 – 15:30) Literature review development and discussion. 3.11.2012 (14:00 – 15:30) Literature review development and discussion. 1.12.2012 (14:00 – 18:00) Presentations of preliminary master thesis results. Reflections on the overall master thesis process. Discussion of the “How do I successfully write a masters thesis’ article. Scheduling of the master thesis proposal presentations. 12.01.2013 (14.00 – 18.00) Master thesis proposal presentations and peer assessment Relevant dates: The literature review should be submitted no later than 30.12.2012. The master thesis proposal presentation should be handed in no later than 7.01.2013 and presented during January. The master thesis topic must be registered no later than the end of the Fall Semester. Final grades will be set by the end of the Semester.

