

COURSE PROGRAM
Academic year 2009 / 2010

Semester: Spring

Subject code:	IFI7117				
Course title in English:	Master Seminar I				
Course title in Estonian:	Magistritöö seminar I				
Maht EAP/ECTS:	3 EAP / ECTS				
Approx. load of contact hours:	16	Incl. lectures		seminars/ workshops:	16
Teacher responsible:	David Lamas				
Position, degree:	PhD				
Prerequisite subject(s):	None				
Objectives:					
To help each student in choosing and refining her or his master thesis interests and topics, methods and approaches.					
To develop an initial master thesis outline and project.					
Course outline:					
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.					
Learning outcomes:					
Students develop initial master thesis outlines and demonstrate how each individual goal will be achieved.					
Assessment:					
Pass/Fail					
Compulsory literature:					
APA (2009) Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition, American Psychological Association					
Topic-specific literature discussed with the teacher					
Replacement literature:					
Kreikemeier, Anna (2008) How Do I Successfully Write a Masters Thesis?, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg					
Content of studies and schedule: (content of studies: topic, major terms, theories, concepts etc)					
Lectures/ workshops	Topic, overview of content				
8.2.2010	Informal presentation and discussion of individual research interests				
15.2.2010	Informal presentation and discussion of initial Master Thesis proposal				

22.3.2010	Informal presentation and discussion of initial literature review Overview of available information sources Overview of common publication styles Introduction to the APA publication style
5.4.2010	Master thesis initial outline and project presentation (max 2 students)
9.4.2010	Master thesis initial outline and project presentation (max 2 students)
12.4.2010	Master thesis initial outline and project presentation (max 2 students)
16.4.2010	Master thesis initial outline and project presentation (max 2 students)
19.4.2010	Master thesis initial outline and project presentation (max 2 students)
Requirements for participation: Presenting the requested deliverables on time	

Name of the lecturer:	David Lamas (name)	 (signature)
Confirmed:	 (name of the head of curriculum)	 (signature)