PhD IN COMMUNICATION – TRAINING ACTIVITIES
(checked by CAD commission, 11 February 2020)

Nº   Training activity
1.   Basic Training Courses
2.   Seminar: Presentation and discussion of doctoral thesis projects
3.   Specific Training Courses
4.   Seminar on mobility experiences
5.   Activities chosen by students

TRAINING ACTIVITY 1: Basic Training Courses

Hours: 40

Calendar: 1st trimester **1st course**   Mandatory Activity

The purpose of this activity is:
- Introduce doctoral students to the research lines of the department's research groups
- Generate an interchange space between new students and the rest of the PhD community
- Achieve basic training to start developing the doctoral thesis

First course students will carry out the following mandatory activities:
- Attendance at the expositions of the research groups (Research Week).
- Attendance at the expositions of the thesis in progress (AF4) (Research Week).
- Attendance at basic training courses (prior to and during Research Week)

Control procedure:

Students must attach to the Activities Document tab of the online application
- A report, which will be assessed by their tutor, about the attendance at the expositions. The report must focus on the exhibitions and courses related to the students thesis project be at least 2,000 words long. It must include the technical and methodological aspects the student learned from the research groups' exhibition more related to the thesis research.
- Attendance certificates for the courses done

The documents must be attached to the 'Activities Document' in the online application by **February 15, 2023)**.

TRAINING ACTIVITY 2: Seminar. Exposition and discussion of doctoral thesis projects

Hours: 10

Calendar: 2nd trimester **1st course** | Mandatory Activity |

The purpose of this seminar is to help doctoral students prepare a first draft of their thesis project and exposes it to their fellow students in the programme as a means of practicing making scientific expositions and engaging in scientific discussion and exchange.

Under the supervision of their respective tutors, doctoral students will have to complete the following activities in the space of one hour:
- Exposition of the first draft of their thesis project.
- Discussion with fellow doctoral students and researchers.

Control procedure:

This activity is carried out by Research Groups and each coordinator will schedule it within the second trimester of the first course (between January and March).

Compulsory seminar for first-year students with attendance to all thesis project expositions of the Research Group related.

Students must attach the following documents to the online application:

1. Thesis project (to the 'Research Plan' tab)
  - Thesis project. Objectives and methodology, maximum 20 pages, 1.5 line spacing.
  - Digital materials used for the oral exposition of the thesis project.

2. Research plan (to the 'Research Plan' tab). Document explaining the means and plan for completing the thesis (research activities, research stays, conferences to be attended, timetable, etc.). Maximum 10 pages, 1.5 line spacing.

3. Report on the sessions (to 'Activities Document' tab). General report on interesting aspects of the other expositions and discussions, maximum 2,000 words

These three documents will be evaluated by the thesis tutor/director and by the CAD.

The **deadline** for attaching these documents to the online application **is April 28, 2023**.

For the second year evaluation, you must write a brief report on the fulfillment of your Research Plan with its update, explaining the status of your thesis so that the director can assess whether or not the Research Plan submitted on the 1st year is being fulfilled . This report must be incorporated into the "Research Plan" tab of your module. The deadline is by **May 9, 2024**.

TRAINING ACTIVITY 3: Specific Training Courses

Hours: 40

Calendar: **first, second and third course**   Mandatory Activity

Students must accredit training activities of interest for their research according to their thesis director. Conferences, symposia and debates organized by the university itself or by scientific and academic institutions will be understood as activities

Control procedure:

- Mandatory activity for students during the three years of the program.
- Doctoral students must incorporate the documentary accreditation provided by the organizers into the "Activities Document" (certificates of attendance, with duration in hours of the activity) and before the end of the third year, the student must have completed and justified the 40 h.
- This activity is being evaluated the **third course** and **deadline to** incorporate the final documentation of compliance of the 40 hours in the online application is by **May 9, 2025**.

Previously, for the **second year evaluation**, you must write a **partial report** (2,000 words) of the activities you have attended so far. This report must be included in the "Activities Document" tab of your module application. The deadline to attach it into the module is by **May 9, 2024.**

TRAINING ACTIVITY 4: Seminar on mobility experiences

Hours: 20

Calendar: first or third trimesterer of the **third course**   Mandatory Activity

This activity focuses on students' mobility actions and consists of the presentation and sharing of experiences and results, both of stays at other universities and research centers and of attendance at leading national and international conferences.

The activity will be carried out during the third course, and you can choose to do it during the "Research Week" or during the PhD Session, as a seminar, with an exposition and discussion of 15 minutes per doctoral student.

Single expositions of students will be made according to a pre-established script:

- Progress of the research
- Most important sources and contributions

- Congresses and/or research stage
- Foreseeable outcomes

Every student will take 15 minutes. Expositions will be grouped by lines and research Groups.

Control procedure:
- Compulsory attendance of all expositions during the Research week or during the PhD Session
- Formal certification of the activities carried out during the stay and of contributions to conferences, to be attached to the 'Activities Document' in the online application.
- The student must make a **report of the sessions and a report of their experience** and add it into the tab "Document of Activities". The documents will be evaluated by the supervisor. The deadline for submitting the report is **February 14, 2025 (if you do the AF during the Research Week)** or **May 9, 2025 (if you do it during the PhD Session).**

TRAINING ACTIVITY 5: Activities chosen by students.
Hours: 20
Calendar: **During all PhD**   Voluntary Activity

Students must certify that they have completed training activities outside the doctoral program, to be chosen for their training relevance. These activities may include conferences, symposia and debates organized by any of the universities and institutions that the supervisor may consider appropriate.

Control procedure:
- Voluntary activity for students throughout all three years of the program.
- Certification from the directors of the collaborating institutions, to be attached to the "Activities Document".
- Students must write a report, to be assessed by the supervisor and attached to their "Activities Document".