**Training plan**

The **Society, Technology and Culture (STC)** doctorate programme establishes that doctoral students must ascertain in their Thesis Plan the specific training they may need to carry it through. The Doctoral School offers a set of mandatory and non-mandatory activities that are listed below. Students and their tutor/supervisor should agree on this and indicate and justify the training needs that they anticipate.

This training plan will then **be evaluated by the doctoral commission and eventually approved or amended**. Please bear in mind that, once approved, **the plan is mandatory for all courses of type a), b) and c)** as indicated. Courses and activities of types d), e) and f) are always optional.

The STC doctorate programme offers 6 types of training formats:

1. **Complementary courses:** Depending on (a) the previous training of the doctoral candidate and (b) taken credits of research initiation in a university master's degree, the student must consider taking complementary courses. Such complements will be configured based on courses already programmed by the University and set out in the Training Plan. Specifically, the training plan must prepare on research methodologies in Social Sciences and Humanities in students who do not accredit training in this aspect.Students may also take up any relevant course from the official Masters offered by the UOC.

When complementary training courses are incorporated into the Training Plan, the student must take and pass them during the first year or academic period. Complementary training must be taken as a priority when entering the program, i.e., before or at the same time as the other training assigned to the doctoral student in their training plan. **Complementary training is limited to a maximum of 12 ECTS credits. IMPORTANT: Teaching language is Spanish or Catalan**

1. **On-line semester-long courses:** These are 5 ECTS courses that last for whole semester periods. Students must sign up for these courses at the beginning of the semester and must pay the tuition fee in addition to the overall doctorate fee (except for UOC grantholders). **The course “Research Design in the Social Sciences” is mandatory for everyone**, although it can be exceptionally waived if the student is in a position to submit the thesis plan before the start of the first semester.
2. **Face to face Seminars:** It consists of conventional academic activities aimed at the socialization of ***grant holders***, the development of their projects or the discussion of research papers by either students, professors or both. There are two most typical formats: the Doctoral Seminar and the Thesis Plan Presentations. **Doctoral Seminar Society and Culture is mandatory for all Full-time students and optional for part-time students. IMPORTANT: This seminar is synchronous, hybrid and takes place at 12:00 AM (Barcelona time).**
3. **Workshops:** Practical sessions aimed at acquiring specific skills connected with fieldwork, data gathering, data processing and analysis. Tutors and students need not commit to specific workshops in this plan; but are welcome to show interest in anyone that is regularly programmed (see summary below) or suggest new sessions.
4. **Academic participation activities:** Presenting papers and publishing is considered a mandatory activity to acquire the competence of a doctor. The doctoral school and the research groups may also offer additional opportunities for professional development and student mobility.
5. **Research, transfer and entrepreneurship courses:** Aimed at doctoral students, researchers and teaching staff, the courses promote research in the academic, scientific and business fields. These programs are set up for short-term training that is focused on learning and developing skills related to research.

**Training plan summary**

| **Candidate:** |  |
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| **PhD Tutor:** |  |

| **I have a Grant or funding** | * **Yes**
* **No**
 | **If yes, please indicate the funding body:** |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Modality:** | * **Full-time student**
* **Part-time student**
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| **Industrial Doctorat** | * **Yes**
* **No**
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1. **Complementary courses: IMPORTANT: Teaching language is Spanish or Catalan. Complementary training is limited to a maximum of 12 ECTS credits**

| **Subject** | **Rec. Period**  | **Typology** | **Need** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Big Data and Social Media (5 ECTS)** | Year 1  | Complementary |  |
| **Quantitative Research Methods (5 ECTS)** | Year 1 | Complementary |  |
| **Quantitative Methods in Human Science (5 ECTS)** | Year 1 | Complementary |  |
| **Other complementary Masters’ courses (please provide details):**  | Year 1 | Complementary |  |

1. **On-line semester-long courses**

| **Subject** | **Rec. Period**  | **Typology** | **Need** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Research Design in Social Sciences (5 ECTS)** | Year 1  | Mandatory |  |
| **Advanced Qualitative Methods (5 ECTS)** | Year 1 | Optional  |  |
| **Advanced Quantitative Methods (5 ECTS)** | Year 1 | Optional  |  |
| **Interdisciplinary Analysis of the Network Society** **(5 ECTS):** To enrol in this course, it is compulsory to have the Research Plan accepted.  | Year 2, 3, 4, 5 | Optional  |  |

1. **Seminars**

| **Subject** | **Rec. Period**  | **Typology** | **Need** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Research Seminar** | - | Mandatory |  |
| **Doctoral Seminars: Society and Culture** | Year 1  | Mandatory for Full-time studentsOptional for Part-time Students |  |

1. **Workshops:** these activities are not offered all on a regular basis. You can check the offer for the next semester at the doctoral school’s external website.

| **Subject** | **Rec. Period**  | **Typology** | **Need** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Search for academic information**  | Year 1  | Optional  |  |
| **Bibliographic reference management**  | Year 1 | Optional  |  |
| **Where to publish: How to identify leadings journals?** | Year 3 | Optional  |  |
| **Open Access** | Year 3 | Optional |  |

1. **Academic participation activities**

| **Subject** | **Rec. Period**  | **Typology** | **Need** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Presentation in peer-reviewed national and international conference** | - | Mandatory |  |
| **Publication of an academic working paper** | - | Mandatory |  |
| **Stay abroad** | - | Optional  |  |

1. **Research, transfer and entrepreneurship courses**

| **Subject** | **Rec. Period**  | **Typology** | **Need** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Year 2  | Optional  |  |
| **Entrepreneurship for researchers** | Year 3 | Optional  |  |
| **Introduction to Patents and intellectual property protection** | Year 3 | Optional  |  |
| **Academic Presentations. How to given an effective talk**  | Year 3 | Optional  |  |