REGULATIONS ON THE RESEARCH PROJECT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT THE BARCELONA SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
MOBILITY CURRICULUM 240MOB, SUBJECT CODE 25802

I. Definition and characteristics of the research project

1. The research project consists in writing and defending an individual research project in the field of industrial engineering technologies, under the supervision of a professor assigned to the Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering (hereinafter, the ETSEIB).
2. The project is aimed at mobility students from foreign universities with which the ETSEIB has signed exchange agreements.
3. The project demonstrates students' ability to comprehensively apply the knowledge and skills acquired throughout their degree.
4. The project has a credit load of 15 ECTS credits.
5. The research project may be carried out at:
   a/ The ETSEIB, under the supervision of a professor assigned to the ETSEIB.
   b/ A company, under the supervision of an employee who acts as a supervisor. In this case, there must be an academic tutor/coordinator at the ETSEIB.

If the research project is carried out at a company, the three parties (the student, the company and the ETSEIB) must sign a work placement agreement, in accordance with the regulations on external academic placements of the UPC and the School.

II. Requirements

For the research project to be carried out at the ETSEIB, the following conditions must be met:

- The university of origin must have proposed the student for one of the exchange places provided for in the agreements.
- The student must have been admitted as an exchange student at the ETSEIB.
- The student must have a tutor for the research project before arriving at the ETSEIB and before enrolling.
- The research project tutor must be a member of the teaching staff assigned to the ETSEIB.

The research project carried out and assessed at the ETSEIB will in no case be recognised at the student's university of origin as a master's thesis or final project.
The research project may be submitted in Catalan, Spanish or English. Students are advised to follow the guidelines for master’s theses.

Tutors are advised to follow the submission guidelines for theses corresponding to the master’s theses.

III. Procedure

The administrative procedure for the research project consists of the following stages:

- Choice of topic and assignment of supervisor
- Registration
- Enrolment
- Submission and validation
- Defence and assessment

Choice of topic and assignment of supervisor

Before arriving at the ETSEIB, students must have selected a topic and been assigned a professor who will supervise the research project at the ETSEIB. Thus, during the admission process, students contact the School’s departments. If the research project is carried out at a company under the supervision of an employee who acts as a supervisor, there must be an academic tutor/coordinator at the ETSEIB.

Registration

Once students have been admitted as exchange students and before they arrive at the ETSEIB, they will receive their credentials for the e-Secretaria by e-mail. Once they have filled in the necessary details, they will be able to register their research project online. The supervisor at the ETSEIB will then validate it.

Students must register their research project before enrolling.

Enrolment

Enrolment takes place on the date set in the calendar at the beginning of each semester.

Submission and validation

Research projects must be submitted online in the School’s bachelor’s and master’s thesis intranet during the period set in the master’s thesis/research project calendar. Online submission makes it easier for users and enables electronic records management.

The research projects are published as open access in the UPC’s academic works repository if authors authorise it and there are no confidentiality and/or industrial property issues.
Access to research projects that are not published as open access in the UPC's academic works repository is guaranteed for research and study purposes, although protected sections and confidentiality periods are respected.

It is compulsory for students to fill in and sign the authorisation form, in which they can authorise the publication of their research project in the UPC’s academic works repository or not, before they submit the project. The authorisation form is available in the bachelor’s and master’s thesis intranet.

The research project may be submitted in Catalan, Spanish or English. Students are advised to follow the submission guidelines for master's theses.

The submission will be validated by the academic supervisor.

Defence and assessment

The research project is carried out in front of the research project supervisor, who awards a mark at the end of the defence in accordance with the 15-ECTS credit load and the UPC's grading system. The academic tutor-supervisor will inform the Student Information and Support Service (SIAE) of the mark.

In no case shall the oral defence of the research project take place remotely (by videoconference, Skype, etc.).

At the end of the semester, the international relations and admissions office must send students’ universities of origin the transcript.

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