Course Program

IFI7158 Standard course	**Master Thesis Seminar**		
Study load: 4 (ECTS/EAP)	***Load of contact hours***: *Face-to-face contact hours:* *16 (4 sessions)*	***Study semester***: *Spring 2015*	***Assessment:*** *Pass/Faill*
Objectives:	To help each student in choosing and refining her or his master thesis interests and topics. To develop an initial master thesis outline.		
Course Outline	The seminar is intended to facilitate individual orientation choices within the curriculum, and to help students structure their master thesis projects.		
Learning Outcomes:	Students develop initial master thesis outline and demonstrate how each individual goal will be achieved.		
Assessment Methods:	Pass/fail assessment. Requirements are: to read at least three articles; to present an initial literature review; to present 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 to register the master thesis topic.		
Teacher(s):	David Lamas, PhD		
Subject name in Estonian	Magistritöö seminar		
Prerequisite subject(s):	-		
Compoulsory Literature	To be discussed with the teacher.		
Replacement Literature	To be discussed with the teacher.		
Participation and Exam requirements	Students are required to submit an initial literature review, to peer present a master thesis proposal and to register their master thesis topic		

	according to the rules and regulations of the Institute of Informatics.
Independent work	Students are expected to elaborate a literature review and a master thesis proposal.
Grading criteria scale or the minimal level necessary for passing the subject	Grading criteria: Pass is granted to students who participate in the scheduled activities and register their master thesis topic.
Information about the course	Schedules: 31.1 (16:00 – 19:00) Introduction, presentation and discussion of individual research interests. Literature review and master thesis proposals essentials. 14.2 (16:00 – 19:00) Discussion of the "How to read a paper", "The framework of problem-based research" and "How do I successfully write a masters thesis" article articles. Presentation of PhD level ongoing research. 28.2 (16:00 – 19:00) Presentation and discussion of early literature review. 28.3 (16:00 – 19:00) Presentations and discussion of preliminary master thesis proposals. Reflections on the overall master thesis process. Relevant dates: The master thesis topic must be registered no later than April 1st, 2015 Final grades will be set by the end of the Semester.