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METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

for PROJECT WORK [PW]

a. Standard PW methods and techniques

- Project Work carried out as an activity in the faculty curriculum, as an institutionalized activity of the school, with didactic hours included in the curriculum and a clear and fixed structure, classified according to duration and complexity
- **Short Term Project Work – ST-PW:** short-term projects that check or teach the student a punctual aspect presented at the lecture or in the seminars – duration: during the lecture or during the seminar – max. 2h project;
- **Medium Term Project Work – MT-PW:** medium complex projects that require the integration of several dependent elements or require more involvement and time from the student – duration: up to 1 month during the seminar;
- **Long Term Project Work – LT-PW:** complex projects that can have a duration of 1 semester or 1 year with a high degree of difficulty, involves a sum of interconnected concepts and abilities, more work, staging – duration up to 1 year, involves extra time outside the normed classes.

b. Informal PW methods and techniques

- Project Work carried out as an informal activity in the faculty curriculum; a more flexible type which can be applied punctually, in a more informal system generated primarily by the educators as means of structure that can organize the disciplines in a more applicative note. This second type is harder to define and structure, being directly dependent on the educational field where it can occur. This second type can borrow a percentage of the conventional normative hours of the respective theoretical discipline in order to dynamize that discipline and bring with it easier assimilation of specific theoretical concepts which in a cumulative catalytic process can make a link more direct with the future specialized job targeted by the future graduate of the faculty

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Informal Project Work – IPW: being informal, this type of project work is opened to the abilities of the tutor or educator to use different approaches best suited to deliver the results wanted. The techniques used can range from single small problems resolved by a small project, or trying to resolve specific issues of a bigger project in a specific amount of time, to projects that try to solve broader issues.

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