

# RESEARCH MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

PROGRAMME JOINTLY OFFERED BY GHEENT UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN, VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL

120 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

Our graduates are capable of developing a philosophical research project and draw up a funding application that can be filed with local, national or international funding institutions. They are able, within their areas of specialisation, to formulate original and innovative research problems based on a duly founded insight into the internationally recognised state-of-the-art in that domain. Our graduates are able to work out original solutions to the selected research problems, and argue their cases clearly and convincingly. They are trained in academic writing, which enables them to act as lead authors of academic articles.

The research seminars that constitute the core of the programme cover a wide range of philosophical domains. Some relate to socially relevant topics (i.e. more applied philosophy) while others relate to more fundamental, purely philosophical domains. We offer research seminars on: Moral Psychology and Meta-Ethics; Empirical Ethics; Political Philosophy after Rawls: Equality, Justice and Diversity; Bioethics; Media Philosophy and Media Theory; Philosophy and Ethics of Gender, Sexuality and Diversity; Logic; Philosophy of Biomedical and Social Sciences; Philosophy of Mathematics and Natural Sciences; History and Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of Mind and Cognition; Philosophical Anthropology; Contemporary Continental Philosophy; Religion and Secularisation; History and Reception of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Religion; History of Early Modern Philosophy; Kant and Post-Kantian Philosophy; and Aesthetics/Philosophy of Art. All research seminars are taught in English.

## STRUCTURE

In principle students take on a 120 credits programme:

- the compulsory Developing and Writing Research Proposals in Philosophy course unit (6 credits; taught in English);
- five research seminars (10 credits each) from the above list; • a Master's dissertation (24 credits) written in English;
- forty credits of advanced elective course units.

These advanced elective course units are taken from the regular Master's programmes in Philosophy of the participating universities. Some of them are taught in English, some in Dutch. Students with a regular (i.e. not research-oriented) Master's degree in Philosophy or Moral Sciences can obtain the research Master's degree by means of a sixty-credit

curriculum:

- the course unit on research proposals,
- three research seminars, and
- the Master's dissertation.

The programme is structured in such a way that, while students with sufficient command of Dutch have a wider choice of advanced elective course units, the degree can be obtained by taking only English-taught course units as well. As indicated above, the language of instruction in the core activities (the compulsory course unit, the research seminars and the dissertation) is English. [www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/home/programme/](http://www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/home/programme/).

## LABOUR MARKET

The programme prepares students for a research career in philosophy. Students are encouraged to apply for pre-doctoral fellowships - e.g. with the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) or the research councils of the participating universities - with their own research proposal. Students should also apply for doctoral positions with a predetermined research project that falls within their area of expertise. Such positions are regularly advertised in academic newsletters and mailing-lists.

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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### 1 Rechtstreeks, na check door de inrichtende faculteit van formele toelatingsvereisten:

- Bachelor in de moraalwetenschappen (met de grootste onderscheiding)
- Bachelor in de wijsbegeerte en de moraalwetenschappen (met de grootste onderscheiding)
- Bachelor in de wijsbegeerte (met de grootste onderscheiding)

### 2 Na onderzoek van de bekwaamheid van de student om de opleiding te volgen:

- Bachelor in de moraalwetenschappen (die niet voldoet aan de graad van verdienste 'met de grootste onderscheiding')
- Bachelor in de wijsbegeerte en de moraalwetenschappen (die niet voldoet aan de graad van verdienste 'met de grootste onderscheiding')
- Bachelor in de wijsbegeerte (die niet voldoet aan de graad van verdienste 'met de grootste onderscheiding')
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding aansluitend op een bacheloropleiding, met uitzondering van de volgende diploma's verworven met grote of de grootste onderscheiding: Master in de wijsbegeerte, Master in de moraalwetenschappen en Master in de wijsbegeerte en de moraalwetenschappen (deze kunnen rechtstreeks instromen via 'horizontale instroom').
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding die volgt op een andere masteropleiding

Additional Information on Admission (Flemish Degree)

In addition, a 'horizontal intake' is also provided with a shortened program of 60 credits for holders of the following diplomas:

Master of Philosophy (magna cum laude or summa cum laude)  
Master in Moral Sciences (magna cum laude or summa cum laude)  
Master of Philosophy and Moral Sciences (magna cum laude or summa cum laude)

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: [www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration](http://www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration).

Additional information:

Students with philosophy degrees obtained outside the Flemish community and students with master's degrees in other disciplines, may be admitted to the programme after a review procedure.

All candidates are expected to have an excellent motivation and a broad interest for methodological problems.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements  
English: CEFR level B2

The language requirements for this study programme can be found on: [www.ugent.be/language requirements](http://www.ugent.be/language requirements)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/research-master-of-arts-in-philosophy-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/research-master-of-arts-in-philosophy-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.ugent/en/students/further-studies](http://afstudeerbeurs.ugent/en/students/further-studies)

### Enrolling institution

Ghent University, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Universiteit Antwerpen

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

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## Application Deadline (for International degree students)

Before the enrolment can be started up, you need to be preacademically selected by the programme coordinator. Apply via e-mail to [RM.Phil@ugent.be](mailto:RM.Phil@ugent.be)

Deadline for application for students who do not need a visa to stay in Belgium is 15 May. Decisions are communicated before 1 June.

Deadline for application for students who need a visa to stay in Belgium is 15 February. Decisions are communicated before 1 March.

## Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

## Contact

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