

# RESEARCH MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

60 OR 120 ECTS CREDITS – FULL TIME – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH/DUTCH – DEGREE: MASTER OF ARTS

## COURSE CONTENT

This full time English/Dutch research master is organised by the Department of Philosophy of the University of Antwerp (UAntwerpen), the Department of Philosophy and Moral Science of Ghent University (UGent) and the Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences of the Free University of Brussels (VUB). The programme offers a high-level training for excellent students who seek to develop a research career in philosophy.

Graduates of this programme 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. Graduates of this programme 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.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

In principle students follow a 120 credits programme:

- the compulsory course **Developing and Writing Research Proposals in Philosophy** (6 credits; taught in English);
- five research seminars (10 credits each) from the above list;
- a master's dissertation (24 credits) which is written in English;
- 40 credits advanced optional courses.

These advanced optional courses are taken from the standard master's programmes in philosophy of the participating universities. Some of them are taught in English, some in Dutch.

Students with a standard (i.e. not research oriented) master's degree in philosophy or moral sciences can obtain the research master's degree through a 60 credit programme:

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

The structure of the programme is such that, while students with sufficient command of Dutch have a wider choice of advanced optional courses, the degree can be obtained by following only courses that are taught in English. As indicated above, the language of instruction of the core activities (the compulsory course, the research seminars and the dissertation) is English.

All details about the programme can be found at:  
[www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/home/programme/](http://www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/home/programme/).

## CAREER PERSPECTIVES

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 email-lists.

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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### Rechtstreeks: (na check van de toelatingsvereisten)

- Ba wijsbegeerte
- Ba moraalwetenschappen
- Ba wijsbegeerte en moraalwetenschappen  
*op voorwaarde dat de graad 'grootste onderscheiding' werd behaald*

### Na geschiktheidsonderzoek:

- Ba wijsbegeerte
- Ba moraalwetenschappen
- Ba wijsbegeerte en moraalwetenschappen  
*die niet voldoet aan de graad 'grootste onderscheiding'*
- ander masterdiploma en de corresponderende diploma's van vóór de bachelor-masterstructuur indien een pakket van minimum 60 credits werd behaald aan methodologische vakken binnen de moraalwetenschappen/wijsbegeerte en vakken op een vergevorderd niveau.

### Horizontale instroom naar verkort programma van 60 sp:

(na check van de toelatingsvereisten)

- Ma wijsbegeerte
- Ma moraalwetenschappen
- Ma wijsbegeerte en Ma moraalwetenschappen  
*op voorwaarde dat de graad 'grote onderscheiding' of 'grootste onderscheiding' werd behaald*

### Taal

Je voldoet aan de taalvoorwaarden op basis van je Vlaams diploma.

## PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

### Studieprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

> faculteiten > opleidingstypes > ga naar de opleiding van je keuze

### Inschrijving en administratie - deadline voor houders van een Vlaams en Nederlands diploma

Aanmelden vóór 1 september 2020 via mail naar [RM.Phil@ugent.be](mailto:RM.Phil@ugent.be)

### Infomomenten

#### Masterbeurs

[www.ugent.be/masterbeurs](http://www.ugent.be/masterbeurs)

### Studiegeld

[www.ugent.be/studiegeld](http://www.ugent.be/studiegeld)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Students with philosophy degrees obtained outside the Flemish community (except Dutch degrees) 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

More information regarding the required knowledge of English: [www.ugent.be/language/requirements](http://www.ugent.be/language/requirements)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme:

[www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue](http://www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue)

> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

### Application deadline

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 2020. Decisions are communicated before 1 June.

Deadline for application for students who need a visa to stay in Belgium is 15 February 2020. Decisions are communicated before 1 March.

### Enrolling institution

Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Ghent University – University of Antwerp

### Tuition fee

[www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

### Contact

Ghent University – Faculty of Arts and Philosophy

Department of Philosophy and Moral Science

[RM.Phil@ugent.be](mailto:RM.Phil@ugent.be) (programme, admission requirements, application procedure)

[erik.weber@ugent.be](mailto:erik.weber@ugent.be) (Prof Erik Weber, Ghent University coordinator)

[www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/home/programme](http://www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/home/programme)

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