

MASTER IN AFRICAN STUDIES

60 ECTS CREDITS – LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH – DEGREE: MASTER OF ARTS

COURSE CONTENT

The Master in African Studies at Ghent University is the only Master's programme in Belgium uniquely focusing on the academic study of the African continent. The programme starts from a truly interdisciplinary perspective as its courses take on a deep-time perspective on Africa's peoples, cultures, literatures and languages, focusing on Central and Eastern Africa. It combines broad thematic courses and specialized seminars allowing students to become trained in disciplines as diverse as anthropology, history, literature studies and linguistics. This unique multidisciplinary programme will stimulate your critical thinking about Africa's position in the world with a true sense of appreciation for cultural diversity.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Master in African Studies consists of three central courses at 5 ECTS each, 4 courses at 5 ECTS each selected from a list of specialist Africanist courses, 10 ECTS worth of courses freely chosen from the university's course catalogue, and a Master's thesis at 15 ECTS.

> Central courses

The Master in African Studies has a special focus on central and eastern Africa. This area is studied from different academic sub-disciplines in the three obligatory central courses: 'Language, History and Identity in Central and Eastern Africa', 'Literature, Media and the Arts in Central and Eastern Africa', and 'Conflict and Society in Central and Eastern Africa'.

> Elective courses

Students enjoy a great degree of freedom to shape their own curriculum by choosing courses from various subdisciplines, based on their individual research interests. Students select four out of the following courses: 'Anthropology of Affect and Materiality', 'Anthropology of the Body and Performance in Africa', 'Poverty, Development and Inequality in Modern African History', 'History and Theory of African Urbanism and Architecture', 'Bantu Corpus Linguistics and Lexicography', 'Bantu Grammar in a Comparative and Contrastive Perspective', 'Gender and Identity in African Literatures', 'Postcolonial Literature in English', 'African Archaeology'. In addition, students choose an additional 10 ECTS' worth of courses either from these listed Africanist courses, or freely from the courses offered by the various academic programmes of the university, including courses on Swahili, the African language of international communication.

Master's dissertation

The MA programme is concluded by writing a master's dissertation. It is based on independent, empirical research, preferably (but not necessarily) through fieldwork in Africa. By writing a master's dissertation, students prove their ability to do independent research, their mastering of a methodological framework and their thorough knowledge of a specific Africanist topic.

If you want to combine your master's degree with a teacher's degree, then there is the option of following an 'Educatieve master' instead of the above described master. The 'Educatieve master' however is a Dutch taught programme. More information can be found on www.ugent.be/educatievemaster.

CAREER PERSPECTIVES

In a globalising world, where Africa is playing an increasingly important role, our society needs graduates with academic expertise on Africa. A thorough understanding of African cultural frameworks, languages and history provides students with the knowledge and skills to build bridges between cultures. Graduates in African Studies find jobs in the NGO-sector or cultural sector, in development co-operation, academic research, immigrant support programmes, tourist industry or business world, both in Europe and in Africa.

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TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

Rechtstreeks:

- Ba/Ma in de gecombineerde studiegebieden taal- en letterkunde en geschiedenis (Afrikaanse talen en culturen, Oosterse talen en culturen, Oost-Europese talen en culturen, taal- en letterkunde, geschiedenis)
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied politieke en sociale wetenschappen
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied archeologie en kunstwetenschappen
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied toegepaste taalkunde
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied wijsbegeerte en moraalwetenschappen
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied psychologie en pedagogische wetenschappen
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied economie en economische wetenschappen/handelswetenschappen en bedrijfskunde
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied sociale gezondheidswetenschappen/gezondheidszorg
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied rechten, notariaat en criminologische wetenschappen
- Ba/Ma in het studiegebied toegepaste biologische wetenschappen

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (60 studiepunten)

- ander academisch bachelor- of masterdiploma (dan vermeld bij rechtstreekse toelating)

Via schakelprogramma: (60 studiepunten)

- prof. Ba in één van de studiegebieden vermeld bij rechtstreekse toelating
- prof. Ba in het studiegebied sociaal-agogisch werk
- prof. Ba in het studiegebied onderwijs
- prof. Ba in het studiegebied gezondheidszorg

Via verkorte bachelor: (120 studiepunten)

- bachelor- of masterdiploma (academisch of professioneel - andere dan bovenvermelde studiegebieden)
- einddiploma hoger onderwijs (oude structuur)

PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

Studieprogramma masteropleiding, voorbereidings- en schakelprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

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

Studieprogramma verkorte bachelor:

<https://studiekiezer.ugent.be>

> ga naar de masteropleiding

Infomomenten

Masterbeurs

www.ugent.be/masterbeurs

Trajectbegeleiding

De contactgegevens van alle trajectbegeleiders vind je terug op www.ugent.be/lw/trajectbegeleiding.

Website

www.africanstudies.ugent.be

Meer info

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

An academic Bachelor's degree in African Studies, history, anthropology, linguistics, literature, social sciences or an international equivalent is required to enter the MA African Studies. Applicants will be required to send their CV and a motivation letter.

Language

More information regarding the required knowledge of English: www.ugent.be/languagerequirements

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme:

www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue

> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

Application deadline for international degree students

- for students who need a visa: 1st of March
 - for students who do not need a visa: 1st of June
- www.ugent.be/deadline

Enrolling institution

Ghent University

Tuition fee

More information is to be found on:
www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

Last update: January 2020.

Contact

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For programme-related questions visit

www.africanstudies.ugent.be, or contact africanstudies@ugent.be.

For administrative questions contact the Ghent University international admissions desk: www.ugent.be/csa.