

## Master's Dissertation (A004504)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits** 15.0                      **Study time** 450 h

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024**

A (Year)	Dutch	Gent	master's dissertation
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**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

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**Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024**

<a href="#">Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature</a>	15	A
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**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Master's dissertation, research report, research methods and techniques

**Position of the course**

In this advanced subject the student is asked to demonstrate his/her mastery of a selection of final curricular competences by writing a Master's Dissertation of approximately 20.000 words (excluding the bibliography) to complete his/her MA studies. Those competences include being able to think and act in a scientific way, being able to apply research methods and techniques in an advanced setting, and being able to report about one's own research to the profession. All relevant information regarding the dissertation, such as the submission guidelines, can be found on the Minerva course page "AX00001A".

**Contents**

To be agreed upon with the supervisor(s).

**Initial competences**

Having successfully completed the bachelor research paper or having acquired the necessary skills by other means.

**Final competences**

- 1 Advanced comprehension of and insight into the scientific knowledge related to the discipline in general and to the main subject in particular.
- 2 Ability to analyse scientific texts from within the discipline.
- 3 Ability to synthesize texts from within the discipline and/or integrate insights from those texts.
- 4 Ability to apply research methods and techniques autonomously in an advanced setting.
- 5 Ability to report scientifically about one's own research with colleagues using a correct academic language in agreement with the formal and substantial requirements indicated in the evaluation form of the master thesis.

**Conditions for credit contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Master's dissertation

**Learning materials and price**

Not applicable

## References

Not applicable

## Course content-related study coaching

Master's dissertation: guidance by supervisor(s).

## Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

## Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment

## Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment

## Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

## Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

## Extra information on the examination methods

The Master's dissertation will be defended orally. The oral defence contains three parts and takes 30 minutes, discussion between evaluators included:

1 10 minute presentation by the student. The student briefly presents the goals and main results of the research project in five minutes, and another five minutes are used for a critical selfreflection on the strengths and weaknesses of the dissertation.

2 15 minute discussion between the student and the examiners.

3 5 minutes for discussion between evaluators (without the presence of the student)

The oral defence is done without Powerpoint or similar (audio-)visual aids. A one-page hand-out is allowed.

The reports of the evaluators will be provided to the students before the oral defence, so they can fully prepare themselves.

The defence will be held in the language on which the dissertation is written, or in Dutch (e.g. as is also the case for the dead languages). Students can submit a request to defend their dissertations in another language (OER, art. 59, §1,5).

The oral defence will be organised at the end of the exam period.

## Calculation of the examination mark

Periodical and continuous evaluation:

- Assignment (80%): the Master's dissertation is marked by three referees: the supervisor and two other referees (or the supervisor, the co-supervisor and one other referee). The third referee will be affiliated to a university or research institution from outside Flanders.

- Oral defence (20%): the evaluators each give a mark, the average of which will be the final mark

In the case of an unjustified absence or non-participation for one of the parts of the periodical and continuous evaluation, the student will receive a max. score of 9/20.