

## Master's Dissertation (A004508)

**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 2024-2025**

A (Year)

Dutch

Gent

master's dissertation

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

[Master of Arts in Comparative Modern Literature](#)

**crdts**

15

**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Research report, research methods, research techniques

**Position of the course**

In this advanced subject the student is asked to demonstrate his/her mastery of a selection of final curricular competencies by writing a Master's Dissertation of approximately 20,000 words (excluding the bibliography) to complete his/her MA studies. Those competencies 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.

**Contents**

To be agreed upon with the supervisor. The Master's dissertation will have a comparative and/or literary theoretical dimension. The supervisor will hold a Ph.D. in an area connected to the study programme.

**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 comparative methods and/or theoretical models pertaining to the main subject in particular.
- 2 Ability to analyse scientific texts from within the discipline and one or more related disciplines.
- 3 Ability to synthesize texts from within the discipline and one or more related disciplines 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 to the profession and the professional field.
- 6 Act with scientific integrity (avoid plagiarism, refer correctly to scientific literature, observe ethical dimensions of scientific research, use generative AI responsibly).

**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

**Study material**

None

**References**

**Course content-related study coaching**

Guidance by the supervisor.

**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

**Calculation of the examination mark**

80% written work, 20% oral defence.