

Master's Dissertation (A005119)

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

Credits 15.0 **Study time** 450 h

Course offerings in academic year 2023-2024

A (Year) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

	crdts	offering
Master of Arts in African Studies	15	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Research report, research methods, research techniques

Position of the course

In this advanced course the student is required to show competence in the goals as set for the MA-curriculum (final competences), this in order to put a capstone on his/her MA studies.

These goals include:

1. being able to reason and take action in an academic way,
2. being able to carry out research on an independent basis,
3. apply research methods and techniques in an advanced setting,
4. being able to report about research results in a sophisticated and well-argued manner.

The result is an extended essay, which is evaluated by the supervisor and other referees. The candidate is also required to present the research results during an oral presentation.

Contents

As agreed upon with the supervisor.

Initial competences

Bachelor in African Languages and Cultures or upon approval of the programme committee.

Final competences

- 1 Advanced knowledge and comprehension of and insight into the scientific knowledge related to the study of African Languages and Cultures in general, and of methods, concepts and/or theories pertaining to the main subject in particular.
- 2 Ability to analyse scientific texts on African Languages and Cultures and one or more related disciplines involved in the programme (Linguistics, Anthropology, Literary Studies, History).
- 3 Ability to synthesize texts on the main subject and/or integrate insights from those texts.
- 4 Ability to apply research methods and techniques autonomously in an advanced setting.
- 5 Ability to reason from a multidisciplinary perspective.
- 6 Ability to report scientifically about one's own research to the profession and the professional field.

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

Extra information on the teaching methods

As agreed upon with the supervisor

Learning materials and price

not relevant

References

not relevant

Course content-related study coaching

As agreed upon with the supervisor

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Oral assessment, Assignment

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

Oral assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

See Vademecum

An oral presentation of the dissertation is required before any mark can be obtained for the work. The dissertation and the oral presentation will be discussed by the supervisor(s) and the extra reader, who have evaluated the thesis before the oral presentation takes place, as well as by the programme's full committee present during the oral presentation.

Calculation of the examination mark

The final mark for the MA dissertation is arrived at by consensus by the exam committee, based on the reader reports of the supervisor(s) and the extra reader, as well as the evaluation which the members of the exam committee made of the oral presentation and the defence.

Facilities for Working Students

As agreed upon with the supervisor