

## 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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lecturer-in-charge

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

[Master of Arts in African Studies](#)

**crdts**

15

**offering**

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