

## Master's Dissertation (A005198)

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

**Credits 24.0**

**Study time 720 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026**

A (Year)

English

Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

Weber, Erik

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026**

[Research Master of Arts in Philosophy](#)

**crdts**

24

**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Research skills, writing skills, presentation skills.

**Position of the course**

The Master's dissertation is supervised by a supervisor affiliated to one of the participating universities.

**Contents**

The master's dissertation contains 1 long or two shorter 2 articles (about 10.000 words together) in a format in which they can be submitted to an academic journal or book (e.g. conference proceedings) in philosophy.

The dissertation also contains a meta-level text on each article (or one such text for two articles) This text describes the intended audience, including a list of possible journals to which the article(s) may be submitted. Description of the audience and choice of journals must be motivated. The text also contains a specific state of the art, i.e. an exposition of the background knowledge that the readers of the article are supposed to have (in the article itself, there is no space for such an exposition).

If the dissertation contains two articles, these must belong to the same subdiscipline of philosophy or should have a thematic coherence.

The dissertation must include an epilogue in which you situate your research results in the larger field to which it belongs. This includes a brief description of potential follow-up research.

**Initial competences**

Advanced research skills (problem selection, problem solving, argumentative writing) in philosophy.

**Final competences**

- 1 Ability to act as author of academic articles.
- 2 Ability to frame the results of one's research in a larger context.
- 3 Ability to report on one's research orally (for academic peers) in a clearly-understood manner.

**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****Assessment moments**

end-of-term 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****Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Submission of the master's dissertation.

Oral presentation of aims, methods and results of master's dissertation.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

Quality of the dissertation: 90%.

Presentation & defence: 10%.

**Facilities for Working Students**

None.