

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 2024-2025

A (Year)

English

Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Weber, Erik

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

[Research Master of Arts in Philosophy](#)

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offering

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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 the university where the student is enrolled; co-supervisors (from the same or another institution) are possible.

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.