

## Bachelor's Essay (A005329)

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

**Credits** 10.0

**Study time** 300 h

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024**

A (Year)

Dutch, English

Gent

independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

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lecturer-in-charge

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

[Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures](#)

**crdts**

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**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

English, Dutch

**Keywords**

BA dissertation, research task, paper

**Position of the course**

In the research task the student must prove that he/she is capable to conduct independent scientific research, is able to reflect critically, and can situate the research topic within a broader context.

The BA dissertation is a year-course, which means that the student must start with the work during the first semester. For students who opt for the Africa-track during the first semester, this thus further implies that they will need to have both a topic and a UGent supervisor BEFORE they leave for the field!

**Contents**

The student writes a paper of the genre 'scientific article', in Dutch or English, and between **7,000** and **12,500** words long, including footnotes and the references (but excluding addenda).

**Initial competences**

Having gained sufficient critical reflection in previous years of study.

**Final competences**

- 1 Being able to independently formulate a research question.
- 2 Being able to reach the answer to that research question independently and in a scientific manner.
- 3 Being able to reflect critically about a research topic.
- 4 Being able to frame a research question in a wider context.
- 5 Being able to delimit and process the scientific literature of a certain 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**

Independent work

**Learning materials and price**

To be discussed with the supervisor.

**References**

To be discussed with the supervisor.

**Course content-related study coaching**

See the 'ROADMAP' in the Vademecum of the BA AL&C.

**Assessment moments**

continuous assessment

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

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

**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**

The supervisor and a second reader forward their appreciation (mark) to the Secretary of the Exam Committee, who organizes an electronic deliberation to arrive at the final score.

**Facilities for Working Students**

To be discussed with the supervisor.