

## Research Assignment (A005333)

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

**Credits 5.0**

**Study time 150 h**

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

A (semester 2)

Dutch, English

Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

de Schryver, Gilles-Maurice

LW21

lecturer-in-charge

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

[Linking Course Master of Arts in African Studies](#)

[Preparatory Course Master of Arts in African Studies](#)

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**Teaching languages**

English, Dutch

**Keywords**

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.

**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**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Independent work

**Study material**

None

**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.