GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2023-2024

Master's Dissertation (A005390)

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

Credits 15.0 **Study time 450 h**

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (Year)	Dutch	Gent	master's dissertation

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

Leuschner, Torsten	LW06	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024	**crdts**	**offering**
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - French)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - German)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Greek)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Italian)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Latin)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Scandinavian Studies)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - German)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Italian)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Latin)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Scandinavian Studies)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - English)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - German)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Greek)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Italian)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Latin)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Scandinavian Studies)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Spanish)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Greek)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Italian)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Scandinavian Studies)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Spanish)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Greek)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Iberian-Romance Languages)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Greek)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Italian)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Scandinavian Studies)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Spanish)	15	A
Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Scandinavian Studies)	15	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Research report, research methods, research techniques, academic reporting

Position of the course

In this advanced subject the student is asked to demonstrate his/her mastery of a selection of final curricular competencies by writing a Master's Dissertation of approximately 20.000 words (excluding the bibliography) to complete his/her MA studies. Those competencies include being able to think and act in a scientific way, being able to apply research methods and techniques in an advanced setting, and being able to report about one's own research to the profession.

Contents

To be agreed upon with the supervisor(s).

Initial competences

Having successfully completed the bachelor research paper or having acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

1 Advanced comprehension of and insight into the scientific knowledge related to the discipline in general and to the main subject in particular.
2 Ability to analyse scientific texts from within the discipline.
3 Ability to synthesize texts from within the discipline and/or integrate insights from those texts.
4 Ability to apply research methods and techniques autonomously in an advanced setting.
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6 Ability to report scientifically about one's own research to the profession.
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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

Learning materials and price

A vademecum will be available on ufora.

References

Course content-related study coaching

Guidance by the supervisor(s).

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Oral assessment

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

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

At the end of the exam period, an oral defense of the master's thesis takes place. This defense lasts 20 minutes and consists of two parts:
(1) The student presents an infographic in which he/she explains the subject and importance of the master's thesis to a lay audience, in the language of the master's thesis.
(2) Discussion between the evaluators and the student on various aspects of the master's thesis.

In principle, the interview takes place in the language of the master's thesis. Students can submit an application to hold the evaluation interview in another language (OER, art. 59, §1,5).

Calculation of the examination mark

80% non-periodical: evaluation of the paper by two assessors, viz. the supervisor and one other referent with complementary expertise. The exam committee decides on the final score on the basis of the marks of the two assessors. In case of *several* supervisors, i.e. a main supervisor plus one or more co-supervisors, the co-supervisor(s) are added to the jury and give a mark as well. The added marks of the supervisor and co-supervisor(s) have the same weight as the mark of the other referent.
20% periodical: evaluation of the oral defense by the two assessors. The exam committee decides on the final score on the basis of the marks of all assessors present. In case of several supervisors, it is again the case that the added marks of the supervisor and co-supervisor(s) have the same weight as the mark of the other referent.
Participation in the oral defense is mandatory. Students who do not participate in the oral defense cannot receive a final mark higher than 9/20.
Students have to succeed for the thesis (non-periodical evaluation) in order to succeed for this course.