

## Master's Dissertation (C002309)

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

**Credits** 30.0

**Study time** 825 h

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (Year)

Dutch

Gent

master's dissertation

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

N., N.

lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

[Master of Science in Computer Science](#)

**crdts**

30

**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Research, report

**Position of the course**

The master education ends with a master's dissertation. In this dissertation, students show that they are capable to apply the knowledge and skills they learned during their training in a concrete research project and to write a scientific thesis about it.

The research project involves the collecting, processing, analysis and interpretation of data. The research project does take place within the own faculty departments, another faculty of the UGent, another research institution (possibly abroad) or a company. For a stay abroad, a student may obtain a scholarship as part of the EU Erasmus program only if the duration of the internship is at least 2 months.

For students going abroad the faculty member sending out the student is the responsible supervisor.

**Contents**

In the master's dissertation students familiarise themselves, under supervision of a promoter, with a specialised and up-to-date topic in computer science, possibly with applications in interdisciplinary research or industry. The master's dissertation consists of a project containing the independent elaboration of the chosen topic by the student, followed by a presentation with oral defense. During the project, students and their supervisor(s) have consultation meetings on a regular basis.

Possible dissertation topics, including a problem statement and aim, are announced electronically by the promoters. Students also have the opportunity of suggesting their own topic.

**Initial competences**

Students have mastered all fundamentals, basic skills and a significant number of advanced topics from the knowledge domains in computer science. Students also have basic skills in independent information searching and processing, as well as communication skills about computational problems and their solutions. These competences will continue being developed during the master's dissertation.

**Final competences**

- 1 Apply computational skills from the field of computer science to find software solutions to complex and computationally challenging problems from scientific research areas or computer science industry.
- 2 Can apply software developing techniques, strategies and processes in an

authentic corporate context, while paying attention to reliability, safety and the entire life cycle of software systems.

3 Have experience with projects that are integrative, requiring evaluation of potential solutions, and requiring work on a larger scale than typical course projects.

4 Can synthesize and represent results.

5 Make effective presentations to a range of audiences about their own work, computational problems and their solutions.

6 Show an attitude of self-dependence, dedication and perseverance.

#### **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, Work placement

#### **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**

Assignment

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

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**

All students are expected to consult and apply the [faculty code of conduct for the use of GenAI during the master's dissertation](#). The study programme, supervisor or promotor will communicate any deviations or additions to these faculty guidelines directly to students through the usual UGent-channels.

#### **Calculation of the examination mark**

30% permanent evaluation, 50% report, 20% oral defense