GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

Project (I003029)

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

Credits 6.0 **Study time 180 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Declercq, Annelies LA22 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027	**crdts**	**offering**
Master of Science in Aquaculture	6	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Aquaculture, literature review, case study

Position of the course

The purpose of this course is to allow students to independently work on an aquaculture-related theme, either individually or in small groups, depending on the nature of the topic and upon approval by the academic supervisor.
Students are provided with a list of suggested topics, but are also encouraged to proactively identify a topic and a promoter (supervisor) independently. In such cases, the proposed topic and supervision must be approved by the programme.
The selected topic must be distinct from the student's Master's thesis topic. The project focuses primarily on a **literature-based study**, which may be complemented with practical insights where relevant. As such, the project topic can only be finalized after the allocation of Master's thesis topics.
The chosen theme should be multidisciplinary in nature, addressing not only biological and zootechnical aspects, but also relevant socio-economic, managerial, and/or ethical dimensions.

Contents

The results of the project are compiled in a **written report**, which must be submitted **no later than two months after completion of the project** via UFORA, in the designated submission folder.
The oral evaluation consists of an **oral presentation (PPT)** of the project to a panel of examiners and/or fellow students (peers), during which the student presents their work, results, and critical reflection, and responds to questions.

Initial competences

This course is exclusively intended for students enrolled in the Master of Science in Aquaculture (IMAQUA).

Final competences

1 The student is able to search relevant literature on a specific topic.
2 The student is able to understand, process and sythesize relevant literature on a specific topic.
3 The student is able to write, present and defend a scientific literature study on a specific topic.
4 The student can work in a group and organize and divide tasks.

5 The student can participate in regular feedback sessions with a supervisor to improve the preliminary work.

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

Group work, Independent work

Study material

Type: Other

Name: Project
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Additional information: Costs depend on the supervisor and project, and sometimes students have to contribute themselves, for example, for travel expenses (both domestically and internationally).

References

Course content-related study coaching

Students are expected to work independently, taking responsibility for the planning and execution of their project. Guidance is provided by the supervisor through regular or ad hoc meetings to discuss progress and provide feedback where needed.

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

Presentation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Evaluation is based on continuous assessment and includes:

- the quality and depth of the literature study, including critical analysis and synthesis of scientific information;
- the written report, assessing structure, scientific quality, and clarity of communication. Students are required to submit a written project report describing their study, results, and providing a critical reflection on their work and learning process. The report must be submitted **no later than two months after completion of the project period** via UFORA, in the designated submission folder. **Failure to submit the report by the deadline may result in the student not being evaluated for this course during the current examination period**;
- the oral presentation and defence (PPT) to a panel of examiners and/or fellow students (peers), during which the student presents their work, results, and critical reflection, and responds to questions;
- where applicable, the integration of practical insights or data supporting the study.

The timing of the oral presentation is arranged in agreement with the supervisor and/or programme, following completion of the project.

Calculation of the examination mark

Assessment (out of 20):

- **15 points** are attributed to the **written project report**, evaluating the quality of the literature study, scientific depth, structure, and clarity of communication.
- **5 points** are attributed to the **oral presentation and discussion**, evaluating communication skills, critical reflection, and the ability to respond to questions.

All assessment components are mandatory. Students who do not participate in the required evaluation components may be recorded as absent and may not be evaluated for this course unit.