

Master's Dissertation (A005119)

Cursusomvang *(nominale waarden; effectieve waarden kunnen verschillen per opleiding)*

Studiepunten 15.0 **Studietijd 450 u**

Aanbodsessies in academiejaar 2026-2027

A (Jaar) Engels Gent

Lesgevers in academiejaar 2026-2027

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Aangeboden in onderstaande opleidingen in 2026-2027

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Master of Arts in African Studies	15	A

Onderwijstalen

Engels

Trefwoorden

Research report, research methods, research techniques, academic reporting

Situering

In this advanced course the student is required to show competence in the goals as set for the MA-curriculum (final competences), this in order to put a capstone on his/her MA studies.

These goals include:

- 1 being able to reason and act in an academic way,
- 2 being able to carry out independent research,
- 3 being able to apply advanced research methods,
- 4 being able to report about research results in a sophisticated and well-argued manner. The result is an extended essay, which is evaluated by the supervisor and other referees. The candidate is also required to present the research results during an oral defence.

Inhoud

As agreed upon with the supervisor(s).

At the beginning of the academic year, the lecturer-in-charge organizes information sessions, in which information is conveyed about the formal requirements of the thesis, about research methods and the responsible use of digital tools, incl. generative AI, and about possible research topics. Students are expected to take part in these sessions.

Begincompetenties

Fulfil the conditions to start the Master in African Studies.

Eindcompetenties

- 1 Advanced comprehension of and insight into the scholarly knowledge related to the study of African Languages and Cultures in general, and of methods, concepts and theories pertaining to the thesis subject(s) in particular.
- 2 Ability to analyse and reflect on scholarly texts in the domain of African Languages and Cultures as well as one or more related disciplines covered by the programme (Linguistics, Literature Studies, History, Anthropology, ...).
- 3 Ability to reason from a multidisciplinary perspective.
- 4 Ability to undertake research and apply research techniques autonomously in an

advanced setting.

5 Ability to use generative AI (which is allowed and encouraged), being fully aware of the ethical and deontological implications.

6 Ability to report in a scholarly form about one's own research for academic peers (in written and oral form).

Creditcontractvoorwaarde

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via creditcontract gevolgd worden

Examencontractvoorwaarde

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via examencontract gevolgd worden

Didactische werkvormen

Masterproef, Zelfstandig werk

Studiemateriaal

Type: Andere

Naam: As agreed upon with the supervisor

Richtprijs: Gratis of betaald door opleiding

Optioneel: nee

Referenties

not relevant

Vakinhoudelijke studiebegeleiding

Supervision by the supervisor both personally and in groups, interactive support through Ufora, consulting lecturer via e-mail or by appointment.

Evaluatiemomenten

niet-periodegebonden evaluatie

Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de eerste examenperiode

Mondelinge evaluatie, Werkstuk

Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de tweede examenperiode

Mondelinge evaluatie, Werkstuk

Evaluatievormen bij niet-periodegebonden evaluatie

Professioneel handelen, Mondelinge evaluatie, Werkstuk

Tweede examenkans in geval van niet-periodegebonden evaluatie

Examen in de tweede examenperiode is enkel mogelijk in gewijzigde vorm

Toelichtingen bij de evaluatievormen

It is a shared responsibility of the student, the supervisor and/or the adviser to hold at least three meetings during the dissertation process. Participation in these meetings is required to submit the written dissertation.

The master's dissertation is evaluated by the promotor(s) and by at least one additional reader. The defence of the master's dissertation consists of an oral presentation and discussion.

Eindscoreberekening

Participation in the MA information sessions in the course of the academic year is compulsory. In case of non-participation, the exam will be considered incomplete. The final mark is determined once the three compulsory assessment components (process, written dissertation, oral defence) are completed. It is not simply the sum of these components but reflects the extent to which the student has achieved the intended learning outcomes. In this regard, the oral defence is essential for determining whether the student can justify the content and genesis of the Master's dissertation and whether the dissertation meets the criteria for academic integrity.

Students who fail to fulfil any one of these three requirements cannot pass the Master's dissertation. See the faculty Master's dissertation regulations for all modalities.

Faciliteiten voor werkstudenten

As agreed upon with the supervisor

