

Master's Dissertation II (H001613)

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
Credits 20.0 Study time 600 h Contact hrs 60.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (year)	Dutch	master's dissertation	57.5 h
		self-reliant study	0.0 h
		activities	
		seminar	2.5 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Psychology (main subject Clinical Psychology)	20	A
Master of Science in Psychology (main subject Personnel Management and Industrial Psychology)	20	A
Master of Science in Psychology (main subject Teacher Education and Training)	20	A
Master of Science in Psychology (main subject Theoretical and Experimental Psychology)	20	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

reflection, research results, reporting results, discuss results, recommendations, limitations of research, reporting, APA-guidelines

Position of the course

Building on the various methodologically oriented courses in the Bachelor and Master program, Master's Dissertation II is the integrative closure of the academic track, in which the student, as a psychologist, demonstrates to master the necessary methodological skills and to be able to use them for a scientific investigation of a research question that is relevant for the discipline

Contents

Master's Dissertation II is a written and systematic report of the entire research cycle that the student has passed in the course of a literature, an empirical or a methodological study, building on the work submitted for Master Dissertation I.

Master's Dissertation II leads to a fluently written scientific paper in Dutch or English, with a clear structure and a presentation format according to APA-guidelines. The final work has to be considered as a manuscript suited for publication submission. The paper includes the following sections: context and problem/theme identification, research questions/objectives, theoretical and/or conceptual basis (based on the literature), research design (argumentation for choices and procedures, if relevant, also for instruments, samples, data-analytic strategy), data collection procedure, description of results, discussion of results and final conclusions. Relying on this report, a third party should be in a position to replicate and review the entire study.

Initial competences

You can download the list of prerequisites on <https://oasis.ugent.be/oasis-web/curriculum/voorkennisvancursus?cursuscode=H001613&taal=en>.
Master's Dissertation I

Final competences

- 1 To relate, to situate and to demonstrate implications of theoretical concepts.
- 2 To be acquainted with the recent developments in the domain.
- 3 To define, to prepare and to carry out a research question.
- 4 To choose from a multitude of research approaches and techniques.
- 5 To design and to evaluate research.
- 6 To operationalise or to carry out a research plan.
- 7 To analyse and to interpret research results and to relate them to the original research question.
- 8 To report and to present research and research results.
- 9 To select and to integrate literature in order to create knowledge.
- 10 To develop and to substantiate an opinion.
- 11 To collaborate with colleagues, principals, professionals from other disciplines and personnel.
- 12 To communicate psychology related knowledge and insights.
- 13 To reflect on the interaction between psychology and the public debate.
- 14 To reflect on the interaction between psychology and policy issues.
- 15 To formulate a diagnosis as a working hypothesis based on presenting conditions.
- 16 To choose between a multitude of intervention methods and techniques.
- 17 To design and to develop methods for diagnosis and intervention.
- 18 To operationalise or to carry out an intervention plan.
- 19 To evaluate an intervention in order to correct and remedy.
- 20 To stimulate the active participation of the client in diagnosis and intervention.
- 21 To respect relevant deontological codes.
- 22 To respect the clients' singularity and particularities.
- 23 To defend personal decisions in an ethical way.

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, seminar, self-reliant study activities

Extra information on the teaching methods

Following teaching methods are used: * independent work; * seminars; * master dissertation.

Learning materials and price

Regulations concerning the Master's Dissertation are available on line at: <http://www.fsappw.ugent.be/index.php?position=9x2x0>

References

American Psychological Association (2001). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association: Fifth Edition. APA Books, Washington DC.

Course content-related study coaching

- Seminars organised by the different departments.
- By appointment.
- Individual coaching by the supervisor.

The student is responsible for developing a planning and is requested to report on this progress from time to time in the form of written syntheses submitted for discussion to the supervisor. Individual and/or collective feedback is organised around these reports.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

Participation, assignment

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

Participation, assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Evaluation of the submitted work relative to the objectives described for Master's Dissertation II. The supervisor and the examiners report their evaluations using the Mast Dissertation Evaluation Sheet, eventually complemented with specific commentaries and suggestions. Specific evaluation criteria are available for the students in the Master's Dissertation regulations available at: <http://www.fsappw.ugent.be/index.php?position=9x2x0>. Students can obtain the identity of the examiners from the Student Administration Office.

To deposit the master thesis

Calculation of the examination mark

Students who do not participate in all required elements of the periodic and permanent evaluation will at the most receive a non-deliberative quotation (7/20).