Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2020-2021

Dissertation Seminar (A005129)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021
- Torck, Mathieu (LW21) staff member
- Dessein, Bart (LW21) lecturer-in-charge
- Anderl, Christoph (LW21) co-lecturer
- De Block, Fien (LW21) co-lecturer
- De Clercq, Eva (LW21) co-lecturer
- Deneckere, Mick (LW21) co-lecturer
- Gorisse, Marie-Hélène (LW21) co-lecturer
- Heirman, Ann (LW21) co-lecturer
- Kreil, Aymon (LW21) co-lecturer
- Niehaus, Andreas (LW21) co-lecturer
- Uhl, Christian (LW21) co-lecturer
- Verbeke, Saartje (LW21) co-lecturer

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Credits</th>
<th>Study time</th>
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Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

- Master of Science in Teaching in Languages (main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures) 6 A, B, C, D
- Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China) 6 A, B, C, D
- Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject India) 6 A, B, C, D
- Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan) 6 A, B, C, D
- Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Middle East Studies) 6 A, B, C, D

Teaching languages
- Dutch, English

Keywords
- Research, languages and cultures, Middle East studies, indology, sinology, japanology

Position of the course
This advanced course creates a framework in which the student further develops and perfects the competences acquired during his/her bachelor curriculum. This is done through individual assignments. The assignments the students are expected to carry out are mainly related to the Master's Dissertation and are, as such, in accordance with the specific requirements of the type of scientific research that is peculiar for the

(Approved)
This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, self-reliant study activities

Extra information on the teaching methods

The emphasis is on self-reliant study activities for which students receive guidance from the advisor of the Master’s dissertation and that is refined and presented through seminars.
Learning materials and price
personal notes

References
For Middle East Studies:
Index Islamicus Online
Encyclopaedia of Islam: THREE
International Journal of Middle East Studies
Middle East Studies Association Bulletin
Review of Middle East Studies
Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient
For Indian languages:
L. Renou and J. Filliozat. L'Inde classique (vol. 1 & 2)
For Chinese:
For Japanese:

Course content-related study coaching
Students are offered a floor which enables them to evaluate their research results and the progress of their master research on a regular basis. The professors and language teachers guide the students in integrating scientific material into a personal project, and on how to orally present their research results. Information is also announced via Ufora.

Evaluation methods
continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Oral examination, participation, assignment, job performance assessment, peer assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Middle East Studies:
The evaluation consists of:
1. an extensive recension concerning the topic of the Master's dissertation (2,000 words; Dutch/English);
2. A position paper concerning the topic of the Master's dissertation (literature review, formulating the problem, methodology, sources/data, bibliography; 5,000 words; Dutch/English);
3. an extensive synopsis of the position paper in Modern Standard Arabic (2,500 words);
4. at least two oral presentations (Dutch/English) concerning the abovementioned synopsis (see 3.);
5. active participation during seminars.

Indology:
The evaluation consists of:
1. A preliminary draft in English about the Master's dissertation, with an abstract in Hindi;
2. a literature review concerning the Master's dissertation;
3. a first draft of a chapter of the Master's dissertation;
4. peer evaluation;
5. a written and oral report about an academic event situated within the main subject (lecture, conference, exhibition, etc.);
6. two presentations in Dutch/English: one about a relevant publication, and one about the topic of the Master's dissertation.
**Sinology:**
The evaluation consists of:
1. A preliminary draft concerning the topic of the Master's dissertation in Dutch and an abstract in Chinese;
2. A literature review concerning the Master's dissertation;
3. A first draft of a chapter of the Master's dissertation;
4. Peer evaluation;
5. Two presentations in Dutch/English: one about the preliminary draft and the status of research, and one about the topic of the Master's dissertation;
6. Consultation with promotor.

**Japanology:**
The evaluation consists of:
1. A preliminary draft concerning the topic of the Master's dissertation in Dutch and an abstract in Japanese;
2. A literature review concerning the Master's dissertation;
3. A first draft of a chapter of the Master's dissertation;
4. Peer evaluation;
5. Two presentations in English/Dutch: one about the state of research and one about the preliminary draft concerning the topic of the Master's dissertation;
6. Consultation with promotors.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

**Middle East Studies:**
70% written work (recension, position paper, synopsis) - 10% active presence in seminars - 20% oral presentations,

**Indology:**
10% preliminary draft and abstract - 20% bibliographic work - 20% chapter of Master's dissertation - 10% peer evaluation - 20% report about lecture (+ presentation of group work) - 20% presentations (2).

**Sinology:**
20% preliminary draft and abstract - 10% bibliographic work - 30% chapter of master's dissertation - 10% peer evaluation - 20% presentations (2) - 10% consultation with promotor.

**Japanology:**
10% preliminary draft and abstract - 10% bibliographic work - 20% chapter of master's dissertation - 10% peer evaluation - 20% report on lecture (+ presentation group work) - 20% presentations (2) - 10% participation during seminars.

**For all groups:**
Students have to pass for all parts individually, and for the totality of the course. Students who do not take part in the assessment of one or more parts of the course evaluation or obtain a mark of less than 10/20 for one of its parts cannot pass the course evaluation. Should the average mark be higher than 10/20, the final mark will be reduced to the highest non-pass mark (= 9).

**Facilities for Working Students**
Facilities:
1. Student attendance during educational activities is required;
2. Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year;
3. Feedback can be given during an appointment during and after office hours.
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy.