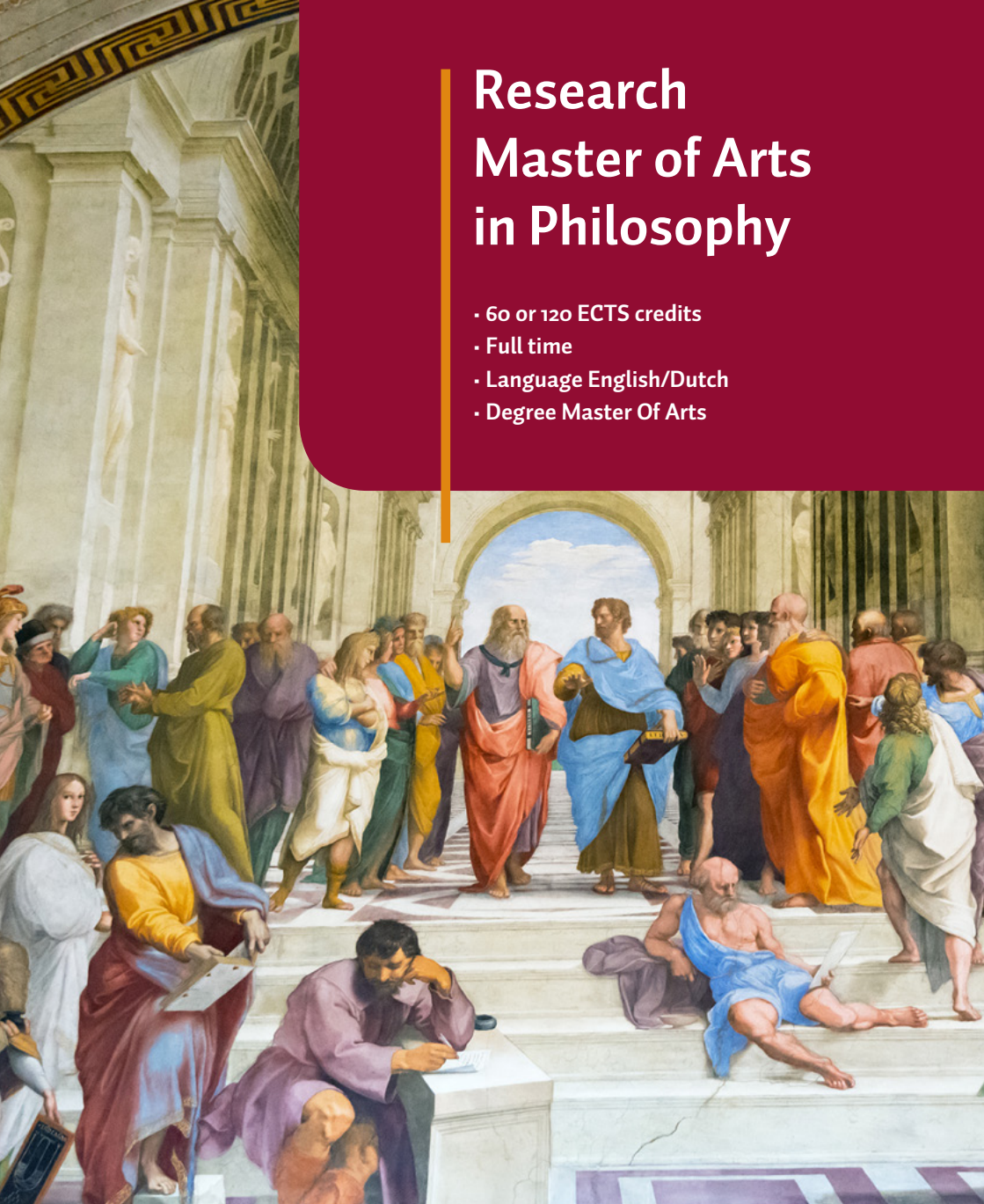


# Research Master of Arts in Philosophy

- 60 or 120 ECTS credits
- Full time
- Language English/Dutch
- Degree Master Of Arts



## COURSE CONTENT

This full time English/Dutch research master is organised by the Department of Philosophy of the Universiteit Antwerpen (UAntwerpen), the Department of Philosophy and Moral Science of the Universiteit Gent (UGent) and the Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). The programme offers a high-level training for excellent students who seek to develop a research career in philosophy.

Graduates of this programme are capable of developing a philosophical research project and draw up a funding application that can be filed with local, national or international funding institutions. They are able, within their areas of specialisation, to formulate original and innovative research problems based on a duly founded insight into the internationally recognised state-of-the-art in that domain. Graduates of this programme are able to work out original solutions to the selected research problems, and argue their cases clearly and convincingly. They are trained in academic writing, which enables them to act as lead authors of academic articles.

The research seminars that constitute the core of the programme cover a wide range of philosophical domains. Some relate to socially relevant topics (i.e. more applied philosophy) while others relate to more fundamental, purely philosophical domains. We offer research seminars on: Moral Psychology and Meta-Ethics; Empirical Ethics; Political Philosophy after Rawls: Equality, Justice and Diversity; Bioethics; Media Philosophy and Media Theory; Philosophy and Ethics of Gender, Sexuality and Diversity; Logic; Philosophy of Biomedical and Social Sciences; Philosophy of Mathematics and Natural Sciences; History and Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of Mind and Cognition; Philosophical Anthropology; Contemporary Continental Philosophy; Religion and Secularisation; History and Reception of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Religion; History of Early Modern Philosophy; Kant and Post-Kantian Philosophy; and Aesthetics/Philosophy of Art. All research seminars are taught in English.



# COURSE STRUCTURE

In principle students follow a 120 credits programme:

- the compulsory course *Developing and Writing Research Proposals in Philosophy* (6 credits; taught in English);
- five research seminars (10 credits each) from the above list;
- a master's dissertation (24 credits) which is written in English; and
- 40 credits advanced optional courses.

These advanced optional courses are taken from the standard master's programmes in philosophy of the participating universities. Some of them are taught in English, some in Dutch. The structure of the programme is such that, while students with sufficient command of Dutch have a wider choice of advanced optional courses, the degree can be obtained by following only courses that are taught in English. As indicated above, the language of instruction of the core activities (the compulsory course, the research seminars and the dissertation) is English.

Students with a standard (i.e. not research oriented) master's degree in philosophy or moral sciences can obtain the research master's degree through a 60 credit programme:

- the compulsory course *Developing and Writing Research Proposals in Philosophy* (6 credits; taught in English);
- three research seminars (10 credits each) from the above list; and
- a master's dissertation (24 credits) which is written in English.

All details about the programme can be found at:

<http://www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/programme/>.

Universiteit Gent





## CAREER PERSPECTIVES

The programme prepares students for a research career in philosophy. Students are encouraged to apply for pre-doctoral fellowships -- e.g. with the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) or the research councils of the participating universities -- with their own research proposal. Students should also apply for doctoral positions with a predetermined research project that falls within their area of expertise. Such positions are regularly advertised in academic newsletters and email-lists.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following students may enrol in the research master without any further requirements:

(1) Students who have achieved the *greatest distinction* in a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, in Moral Sciences or in Philosophy and Moral Sciences at a Flemish university. These students are required to attend the full programme of 120 credits.

(2) Students who have achieved *great distinction* or *greatest distinction* in a Master's degree in Philosophy, in Moral Sciences or in Philosophy and Moral Sciences at a Flemish university. These students can be exempt from 60 credits of the programme and obtain the degree upon the successful completion of a track of 60 credits.

Students in these categories who enrol are kindly asked to send an email to the programme coordinators at [RM.Phil@UGent.be](mailto:RM.Phil@UGent.be) before 15 August 2017.

Flemish students who expect to obtain one of the degrees mentioned in (1) or (2) before October 2017 (but do not have it yet) should follow the admission procedure for others students, as described below.

Students with master's degrees in other disciplines, students with philosophy degrees obtained outside the Flemish community and Flemish philosophy/moral sciences students who have not achieved the required grade may be admitted to the program after a review procedure. Details about criteria and application procedure can be found at:

<http://www.researchmasterinphilosophy.be/admission-requirements/>.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Enrolling institutions

- Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Universiteit Gent
- Universiteit Antwerpen

Tuition fee: € 906,10 per year (i.e. per 60 credits).

### Deadlines

Deadline for application (for students have to go through the review procedure) is 15 August 2017. Decisions are communicated between 1 and 15 September.

Application received before 15 May 2017, will be reviewed sooner. Applicants will be informed about the decision between 1 and 15 June 2017.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### General email address

For questions about the programme, admission requirements and application procedure

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