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This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None.
Main themes	<p>The masters dissertation, irrespective of the subject, allows a student to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carry out a critical analysis and summarise a given scientific topic, • put a specific issue/statement in context drawing on existing information, • present the results of the dissertation by justifying the methodological choices, explaining the hypotheses and scientifically stating the results obtained.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>The dissertation must demonstrate the author's ability to describe correctly the results of a personal, objective and methodical work. The length of the dissertation is not a criteria in evaluating its quality. Similar to the other forms of learning, the dissertation is an essential component of the programme to which it belongs. It consists of research work which students should consider as a first step in research in their particular field. The dissertation is a research work : " specific, as regards the other teaching activities ; " methodical, the underlying methodology has already been acquired in the bachelor and masters programme ; " integrated in the programme and limited to the scope of the subject.</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled 'Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit'.</i></p>

<p>Evaluation methods</p>	<p>The dissertation is supervised by a promoter. Exceptionally, if the subject of the dissertation so requires, a co-supervisor may be requested by the promoter with the agreement of the chair of the jury. The student must submit his/her subject to the promoter for approval. The dissertation jury is made up of at least the promoter and one other reader appointed by the Master's jury (represented by the jury chair).</p> <p>The promoter's and reader's marks take into account :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • achievement of the objectives set • the ability to produce a relevant and well-documented summary; • personal commitment and the ability to discuss methodological choices; • the coherence of the work; • the correctness, quality and relevance of the written word. <p>In its final mark, the promoter also takes into account the student's involvement and the regularity of the work done throughout the Master's programme in the field of research.</p> <p>The promoter's final mark also takes into account the student's commitment and the regularity of the work done throughout the Master's programme as part of the dissertation (in particular, the timely submission and quality of the dossier submitted at the end of the first annual block).</p> <p>The dissertation reader is responsible for drawing up a detailed written report on certain formal aspects of the dissertation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spelling • language (precision and appropriateness of terms, syntactic correctness); • punctuation; • presentation of the text itself, bibliography, notes, references, etc. <p>This report may lead the jury to revise the mark awarded to the dissertation in accordance with the procedures set out in section 2 "Mastery of the standard language" of the ROM Dissertation Vademecum (https://moodle.uclouvain.be/pluginfile.php/550454/mod_resource/content/1/Vad%C3%A9m%C3%A9cum%20m%C3%A9moire%20ROM.pdf).</p> <p>For dissertations written in Spanish or Italian, the 2nd reader will include the language assessment in his/her mark.</p> <p>Throughout the dissertation, students must demonstrate their perfect mastery of the rules of bibliographic referencing; at the risk of being suspected of plagiarism, they must take care not to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT copy a text without inverted commas and/or without mentioning the source; • NOT reproduce a graph, data, illustration, etc. without mentioning the source; • NOT reformulate or summarise an author's original idea without mentioning the source; • NOT translate, in whole or in part, a source without referencing it; • NOT use someone else's work by presenting it as your own (even if the author of the work has given his or her agreement); • NOT copy work. <p>See https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/uss/lutter-contre-le-plagiat.html</p> <p>This definition supplements that set out in art. 107 §2 of the RGEE and constitutes a special provision within the meaning of §3 of the same article.</p> <p>Any student who fails to comply with the standards of scientific referencing set out above is liable, in the event of irregularity or plagiarism established by the jury, to academic sanctions as detailed in the RGEE (section 7).</p> <p>If generative artificial intelligence (AI) is used, it must be used responsibly and in accordance with the practices of academic and scientific integrity. Since scientific integrity requires that sources be cited, the use of AI must always be reported.</p> <p>The dissertation is defended orally before a jury comprising at least the promoter and the reader. The oral examination is an opportunity for the student and the members of the jury to exchange views. The oral examination is taken into account in the final assessment of the dissertation. The practical arrangements for the oral examination are communicated to the student no later than the first day of the session in which the dissertation is registered.</p>
<p>Teaching methods</p>	<p>Students must have at least two meetings with their supervisors during the first year.</p> <p>By the first day of the final session of their first year at the latest, students must send their supervisor a file summarising the work carried out over the year.</p> <p>This file will comprise at least: a title, a description of the question (one page), a plan and a structured bibliography.</p>
<p>Content</p>	<p>The masters dissertation, irrespective of the subject, allows a student to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carry out a critical analysis and summarise a given scientific topic, • put a specific issue/statement in context drawing on existing information, • present the results of the dissertation by justifying the methodological choices, explaining the hypotheses and scientifically stating the results obtained. <p>A dissertation must contain at least 80 pages (200.000 characters long) , a length deemed necessary to make a detailed presentation of a research hypothesis, a proof or of a well-argued account supported by quotations, references, sources and demonstrating familiarity with the subject bibliography.</p>

	The dissertation includes an introduction relating in particular to methodology, a development displaying the analysis and synthesis of the argument, a conclusion and a bibliography.
Inline resources	https://moodle.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=4142
Other infos	RGEE : https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/reglement-general-des-etudes-et-des-examens.html Plagiat: https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/uss/lutter-contre-le-plagiat.html
Faculty or entity in charge	ELAL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : French as a Foreign Language	FLE2M	30		