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Research design and thesis preparation

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2.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1 and Q2

Teacher(s)	Léonard Evelyne ;					
Language :	English > French-friendly					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Main themes	This seminar is designed to help students complete their dissertations in the best possible conditions. It aims to provide the keys to 1. define their dissertation topic 2. carry out scientific bibliographical research 3. look more closely at a number of methods specific to the field of management 4. learn to self-correct their writing style					
	5. master oral expression in front of an audience					
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: 2.3. Combine knowledge from different fields 2.4. Activate and apply knowledge 3. Applying a scientific approach 3.1 Use analytical reasoning 3.3. Take a systemic and global approach to the problem, 3.4. Synthesise with discernment and demonstrate conceptual abstraction. 8. Communicate 8.1. Express a message clearly and in a structured way 8.2 Interact and dialogue effectively 1 9. Develop yourself 9.1. Manage work independently 9.2. Knowing and controlling yourself 9.3. Developing yourself 9.4. Learn quickly and independently At the end of the thesis seminar, students will be able to: 1. Clearly delineate the scope and objectives of their thesis. 2. Locate and utilize relevant scientific literature. 3. Justify the methodology for data collection and analysis. 4. Draft the introduction of their thesis.					
Evaluation methods	Each of the four steps in the seminar includes one assignment. Only the last one will be graded, but you must pass the other ones (in steps 1, 2 and 3) to get access to the last one. Criteria and conditions at each step are precisely explained on Moodle.					
Teaching methods	You are about to embark on the adventure of writing your thesis . Welcome aboard! The Moodle site of the seminar is your tool . It is a companion that will help you start your work efficiently. It will facilitate your way through the preparation of the thesis, which should also facilitate your supervisor's work! You will progress step by step through the seminar at your own pace, with the support of forums where you can raise questions and you will get answers from your teachers. In addition, there will be three follow-up sessions at the different steps. In these sessions, you will meet the teachers, learn more, and get answers to your questions.					
Content	At the end of the 'Séminaire d'accompagnement du mémoire', you will be able to: 1. Delineate clearly what your thesis should be, 2. Find and use relevant scientific literature, 3. Justify your methodology to find and analyse data,					

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	4. Draft the introduction of your thesis.		
Inline resources	The Moodle site of the seminar provides all information and leads you, step by step, from the beginning to the final assessment. Go to https://moodle.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=9590.		
Other infos	The Moodle site is in English, but the forum at each step, as well as the follow-up sessions, leave space for discussions either in French or in English.		
Faculty or entity in charge	CLSM		

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Master [120] : Business Engineering	INGE2M	2		•			
Master [120] in Management	GEST2M	2		Q			