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MA in African Studies at Ghent University:
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WELCOME TO AFRICAN STUDIES@UGENT

As of 2017-2018 Ghent University offers a brand new Master in African Studies. This one-year programme starts from a truly interdisciplinary perspective as its courses take on a deep-time perspective on Africa's peoples, cultures, literatures and languages, focusing on Central and Eastern Africa. The programme is entirely taught in English and open to students from all over the world. The programme combines broad thematic courses and specialized seminars allowing students to become trained in disciplines as diverse as anthropology, history, literature studies, linguistics and archaeology.

This unique multidisciplinary programme will stimulate your critical thinking about Africa's position in the world with a real sense of appreciation for cultural diversity. Choosing African Studies at Ghent University will not only open a new world for you, but also profoundly change your view on the world.

WHY AFRICA?

Africa was the cradle of humanity and will be home to humankind's most important challenges: 'our security, our prosperity, climate change, the struggle for human rights and human dignity, the reduction of conflict – Africa is essential to our progress. Africa's rise is not just important to Africa, it's important to the entire world.' (Barack Obama, September 2016)

In a globalized and utterly connected world our society needs graduates with academic expertise on Africa. A thorough understanding of African cultural frameworks, languages and history provides students with the knowledge and skills to build bridges between cultures. Graduates in African Studies find a job in the NGO or cultural sector, in development co-operation, academic research, immigrant support programmes, the tourist industry or business world - both in Europe and in Africa.

OUR MASTER IN AFRICAN STUDIES

- Focuses on Central and Eastern Africa in 3 courses:
 - Language, History and Identity in Central and Eastern Africa
 - Literature, Media and the Arts in Central and Eastern Africa
 - Conflict and Society in Central and Eastern Africa
- Offers the possibility to combine various disciplines on the basis of your individual research interests:
 - Medical Anthropology: Africa and the Diaspora
 - Poverty, Development and Inequality in Modern African History
 - History and Theory of African Urbanism and Architecture
 - Bantu Corpus Linguistics and Lexicography
 - Bantu Grammar in a Comparative and Contrastive Perspective
 - Gender and Identity in African Literatures
 - Postcolonial Literature in English
 - African Archaeology
- Allows you to study Swahili, the African language of international communication
- For those who feel insecure about their level of Academic English, the course “Advanced Academic English” is available

WHY AFRICAN STUDIES AT UGENT?

Ghent University is a top-level institution, one of the major universities in Belgium, and was recently ranked 66 in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Ranking). UGent boasts outstanding expertise in African Studies. It is home to a vibrant community of junior and senior scholars dedicating themselves to the study of Central and Eastern Africa's languages and cultures, past and present. It hosts the Ghent Africa Platform as well as several distinguished research groups engaging with Africa, such as BantUGent, the Ghent Centre for Afrikaans and the Study of South Africa, the Centre for Anthropological Research on Affect and Materiality, the Conflict Research Group and the Centre for Research on Culture and Gender.

GHENT: A VIBRANT STUDENT CITY

The city of Ghent is one of the unique selling points of Ghent University. The medieval city centre, its lively art scene and a fair number of world-class museums have turned the city into an important attraction. Ghent is truly a student city, with more than 70,000 university and college students. It is one of the cultural hotspots of Belgium and a centre of innovation, especially for digital technologies.

Located in the centre of Europe, Ghent is just a few hours away from Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris and London. The city has also become highly diverse and multicultural, with large communities from countries such as Turkey and Morocco. The sub-Saharan African diaspora is also significant with large representations from Ghana, Cameroun, Guinea and the DRC. In collaboration with the Ghent Africa Platform, our master programme reaches out to these communities by co-organizing events, such as debates, visits to exhibitions and conferences.

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition fees range between €900-€2000, more detailed information can be found [here](#).

Funding opportunities are available:

- Within the framework of the Erasmus programme or bilateral agreements with partner institutions (for exchange students)
- Through Flemish scholarship programmes (for degree students), see www.studyinlanders.be/en/scholarship-programmes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN DEGREE HOLDERS

1. Immediate Admission

- An academic bachelor's degree in the combined fields of Literature, Linguistics and History
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Healthcare
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Political and Social Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Social Health Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Applied Biological Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Archeology and Art Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Economics and Applied Economic Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Commercial Sciences and Business Administration
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Psychology and Pedagogical Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Law, Notaryship and Criminological Sciences
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Applied Linguistics
- An academic bachelor's degree in the field of Philosophy and Moral Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Economics and Applied Economic Sciences

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- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Social Health Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Applied Biological Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the combined fields of Literature, Linguistics and History
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Archeology and Art Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Psychology and Pedagogical Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Applied Linguistics
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Philosophy and Moral Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Law, Notaryship and Criminological Sciences
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Health Care
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree in the field of Commercial Sciences and Business Management

2. Admission Subject to Passing a Preparatory Course

- An academic bachelor's degree
- A master's degree following a bachelor's degree
- A master's degree following another master's degree

3. Admission Subject to Passing a Linking Course

- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Archeology and Art Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Economics and Applied Economic Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Health Care
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Commercial Sciences and Business Administration
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Education
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Political and Social Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Psychology and Pedagogical Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Law, Notaryship and Criminological Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Social and Agogic Work
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Social Health Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Applied Biological Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Applied Linguistics
- A professional bachelor's degree in the field of Philosophy and Moral Sciences
- A professional bachelor's degree in the combined fields of Literature, Linguistics and History

4. Admission Subject to Passing an Abridged Bachelor's Programme

a. programme new structure

- An academic bachelor's degree different than those in the other admission requirements

- A professional bachelor's degree different than those in the other admission requirements
 - A master's degree following a bachelor's degree different than those in the other admission requirements
- b. programme old structure
- A degree from an academic programme of the second cycle

Admission Procedure for Students holding a Non-Belgian Diploma:

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page:

www.ugent.be/admission

The required level of English proficiency is B2 of the European Reference Framework.

How to apply?

1. Make sure that you can meet the entry requirements (language and diploma requirements) (www.ugent.be/admission)
2. Start the online application on www.ugent.be/enrolment
3. Submit your application (including legalizations) before the deadline (www.ugent.be/deadline)



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For administrative questions, contact the UGent international admissions desk at www.ugent.be/csa

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