



**FACULTY PROCEDURES WITH REGARD TO THE MASTER'S
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FOR STUDENTS WHO SELECT A MASTER'S DISSERTATION TOPIC IN 2024–2025 (TYPICALLY 1ST YEAR MASTER STUDENTS) = SELECTION YEAR

DEFINITION OF THE TOPICS

The proposals of topics for the master's dissertation are published by the supervisor (promotor) through the faculty's Plato application¹. For each master's dissertation, Plato provides a set template with the title, problem statement, objectives and standard distribution of the percentages for the final assessment. Furthermore, key words can be added, as well as a website with more information, the location where the dissertation will be written, etc.

In general, the topics for the master's dissertations are written in the language in which the dissertation will be written. Confidentiality aspects may apply (more information can be found on the faculty's website²).

The supervisors or master's dissertation coordinators indicates which master's programmes are targeted with the proposal, and clarifies that choice. The dedicated Study Programme Committee (opleidingscommissie, SPC) approves or disapproves the topic.

The Study Programme Committee will either approve or reject the topics. If a Study Programme Committee rejects a proposed topic, it must underpin its decision with respect to the content and communicate this to the supervisor.

The Study Programme Committee communicates the topics to the students.

A topic that is submitted late, for example because it is provided by the industry, follows the same approval procedure before students can select it.

Time schedule:

- *submitting topics by the supervisors in Plato: before 15 March*
- *approving the topics by the Study Programme Committees in Plato: 15 March until 1 April (15 April at the latest)*
- *announcing the topics by the Study Programme Committees in Plato: From 1 April (15 April at the latest)*

STUDENTS' CHOICE

After the publication of the topics the students can obtain extra information on the proposed topics from the supervisors and/or other (external) contact persons. During this period the departments and research groups may organize all kinds of information activities to help the students with their choice.

Each student makes his choice known in Plato. This selection consists of no more than three topics, ranked in order of preference. Especially for their first-choice topic, the students are recommended to contact the supervisors personally in order to get acquainted and to clarify mutual expectations.

Time schedule:

- *students gather information and research groups organize information sessions: as from the publication date*

¹ <http://plato.ea.ugent.be>

² <http://www.ugent.be/ea/nl/faculteit/diensten/studentenadministratie/masterproef>

- *students register their choice: between 1 May and 15 May*

DEFINE OWN TOPIC

Alternatively, students may formulate their own proposals for their master's dissertation. If this is the case, they need to look timely for a supervisor with knowledge of the subject. The supervisor will enter the proposal as a master's dissertation topic on Plato. The Study Programme Committee will either approve or reject the topics. In principal, the regular time schedule must be followed, and possible exceptions should be discussed with the Study Programme Committee or the coordinators.

ASSIGNMENT OF THE TOPICS

After all students have made their choice known, the supervisors are given the opportunity to accept a student as a master's dissertation student or not. As a rule, all students are accepted. Not accepting a master's dissertation choice is only possible with a valid content-related reason, and after consultation with the master's dissertation coordinator or the chair of the Study Programme Committee. Valid reasons are for instance when a student registers for a topic proposed by another student or if the student does not possess the required previous knowledge for the topic concerned.

If there are several candidates for the same topic, the supervisor is asked to draw up a ranking. Based on the choices of the students and the advice of the supervisors, the Study Programme Committee chairmen works out an assignment proposal and submits this proposal for approval to their Study Programme Committee.

The decision is published through the Plato application and in this way made known to the supervisors, the students, the Faculty Student Administration (FSA) and the Curriculum Committee.

If there are confidentiality issues, the student is asked to sign the relevant confidentiality clause at the start-up meeting between the student and the supervisor/counsellor. This document is available on the FEA website. Students who do not want to sign this document, should inform their supervisor, in which case the student may choose a new or adapted topic without confidentiality requirements.

The master's dissertation is assigned for the duration of the selection year and the do year. Students who do not pass the master's thesis in the do year must consult with their supervisor whether or not the student may continue working on the same subject in the following academic year, if the student must choose a new subject, or if the subject can be altered. If the subject is kept or can be modified, the supervisor must register this in Plato and the subject and all information in Plato will be automatically transferred to the following academic year. A student who has to choose a new topic contacts the master's dissertation coordinator or the chair of the SPC to determine a new topic as soon as possible.

Time schedule:

- *publication of the assignment of the topics by the Study Programme Committee chairman: between 15 May and 31 May (15 June at the latest)*

DUO MASTER'S DISSERTATION

Students who want to work together on one master's dissertation topic should contact their supervisor(s) beforehand. The supervisor will determine the specific modalities, taking into account the following guidelines:

- The group consists of 2 students at most.
- Ideally, the supervisor lays down in writing and beforehand the division of tasks in consultation with the students. For each student a time investment is determined comparable to what is usual for an individual master's dissertation.
- As is the case with an individual master's dissertation, an interim reporting meeting is organized, where the cooperation and distribution of tasks between the students will be explicitly covered. The conclusions are reflected in a written report.
- In the introduction to the master's dissertation the teamwork is explicitly mentioned along with the similarities and specificities of the activities.
- It is allowed to hand in one master's dissertation (one copy) for both students.
- The master's dissertation exam may be joint, where each student agrees to be in charge of a comparable and proportionate share. The exam is evaluated individually.

FOR STUDENTS WRITING A MASTER'S DISSERTATION IN 2024–2025 (TYPICALLY 2ND YEAR MASTER STUDENTS) = DO YEAR

STUDENTS

In the do year, the student subscribes to the course Master's dissertation in Oasis, in accordance with the deadlines of the faculty's curriculum regulations.

A student who decides not to submit the master's dissertation in the do year should immediately contact the supervisor and the faculty student administration.

SUPERVISORS

The responsibility of supervising the master's dissertation lies with one or more supervisors. As a general rule, maximum 2 supervisors are appointed. In exceptional cases and on condition of a thorough content-related motivation a third supervisor can be accepted. The Study Programme Committee (SPC) and Curriculum Committee (CurCom) are responsible for this.

The supervisor who is responsible for administrative matters (= described as 'promotor 1' in Plato) monitors the administrative aspects of the dissertation. The administrative supervisor must belong to one of the following categories:

- Professorial staff members
- Postdoctoral assistants
- Research staff in the grade of postdoctoral staff member
- Visiting professors
- Lecturers appointed by agreement with another university or university college

It is possible to differ from these categories, for lecturers-in-charge and co-lecturers within integrating academic university college programmes who were already appointed before 1 February 2013 as lecturer-in-charge or co-lecturer (see OER 2024–2025 article 59).

SUPERVISING THE MASTER'S DISSERTATION

A dissertation advisory committee is proposed by the supervisor(s), which comprises at least two people, including the supervisor(s). This dissertation advisory committee will supervise the student during the course of the year. It is therefore important that the student is familiar with the advisory committee from the start of the academic year and can contact them. The dissertation advisory committee provides interim feedback on a regular basis.

The student and the dissertation advisory committee meet on a regular basis to discuss the substantive, formal and practical aspects. The student reports on his/her progress on a regular basis. The dissertation advisory committee provides regular interim feedback.

The supervision plan is mutually agreed upon and may include, for example:

- an intake meeting to discuss the mutual expectations and agreements;
- a number of supervision sessions, which could be prepared by the student and documented in a written report;
- the meeting of a number of interim deadlines;
- the submission of interim (annotated) drafts or products;
- keeping a logbook or portfolio;

- a practice session for the presentation at the master's dissertation exam.

In addition, there should be at least one interim evaluation meeting in the presence of the dissertation advisory committee, in which the 'state of the art' of each master's dissertation is orally explained by the student.

The dissertation advisory committee is responsible for evaluating the inter- and intrapersonal competences. To ensure a valid process assessment, at least a number of aspects of the supervision process are documented.

Time schedule:

- *announcement of the dissertation advisory committee and input in Plato by the supervisor: before the start of the academic year*
- *interim evaluation meeting: between early December and late February*

CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES

Confidentiality clauses can be a legally binding part of research contracts or serve to protect the option to submit an invention application with respect to results obtained in the master's dissertation. The confidentiality procedures (cf. FEA website³) may be optional, or may be obligatory if the master's dissertation is related to research with contractual confidentiality agreements. The application of confidentiality procedures during the master's dissertation work does not prevent public disclosure of the master's dissertation in the end. This can be done by giving priority to patent protection of valorizable results of, and by extending the embargo on public availability no longer than is strictly necessary. As a rule there is no embargo without valid reasons.

RESEARCH FOR THE MASTER'S DISSERTATION IN COLLABORATION WITH A COMPANY (IN BELGIUM OR ABROAD)

Students that conduct research in collaboration with a company in the framework of their master's dissertation are responsible for the signing of a master's dissertation contract, to be downloaded from the faculty's website. The master's dissertation contract has to be drawn up in threefold and signed by all three concerned parties (following the procedures described on the website) and retained by the student, the company and the supervisor.

The supervisor who is responsible for the administrative aspects, has to register that a master's dissertation contract is used in Plato.

If the master's dissertation is conducted in collaboration with a company abroad, a foreign research or educational institution (e.g. for fieldwork or research activities), but not via Erasmus, then the student is responsible for the registration of the exchange in Oasis (more information on the faculty's website).

RESPONSIBLE USE OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The responsible use of generative AI tools is permitted for the master's dissertation. The faculty's guidelines for the master's dissertation can be found on the faculty website.

³ <http://www.ugent.be/ea/nl/faculteit/diensten/studentenadministratie/masterproof>

During the early stages of the supervision process, the mutual expectations and agreements regarding the use of generative AI tools, as well as the reporting and reflection on their use, will be addressed. In the master's dissertation, the student will document and reflect in an honest and transparent manner on whether, how, and when generative artificial intelligence tools were used in the master's dissertation process.

This is part of the methodology and should be explained by the student in a preamble, as a paragraph in the thesis text itself, or in an appendix. The relevant programme board may lay down additional guidelines. Any additional guidelines will be published on the faculty website.

SOCIETAL REFLECTION

Each master's dissertation includes a societal reflection, of one to three pages. In this reflection, the student's research topic and chosen methodology are critically discussed from one or more societal perspectives, such as sustainability, international context, ethical implications and more. This can be done, for example, using one or more of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or a similar framework.

SUBMITTING THE MASTER'S DISSERTATION

Time schedule for the submission in the second examination period:

- *entry of the final titles (in Dutch and English), the language and period of submission by the student, on Plato: no later than 1 April*
- *approval of titles and language by the supervisor: no later than 10 April*
- *approval of the title and language by the Curriculum Committee: meeting of May*
- *submitting the master's dissertation for the second-term examination period: Thursday before the start of the examination period: 22 May 2025*

The Study Programme Committee may decide, for all students in the programme, to postpone the submission date of the master's dissertation by two weeks. The programme-specific dates will be published on the faculty's website.

Time schedule for the submission in the resit examination period:

- *entry of the final titles (in Dutch and English), the language and period of submission by the student, on Plato: no later than 1 April*
- *approval of titles and language by the supervisor: no later than 1 May*
- *approval of the title and language by the Curriculum Committee: meeting of June*
- *submitting the master's dissertation for the resit examination period: Thursday before the start of the examination period: 14 August 2025*

The Study Programme Committee may decide, for all students in the programme, to postpone the submission date of the master's dissertation by two weeks. The programme-specific dates will be published on the faculty's website.

A. Submission period

Before handing in the dissertation, and no later than April 1, the student registers in Plato when the dissertation will be handed in: the second examination period or the resit examination period.

B. Language of the master's dissertation

The master's dissertation is written in the language of the study programme.

Exceptions are only possible in the Dutch programmes, and in the following cases:

- For students who write their master's dissertation in the context of, for example, an international exchange (incoming or outgoing students), where the supervisor(s) do not speak Dutch, the language of the master's dissertation will be determined in consultation with the supervisor.
- In consultation with the supervisor(s) and at the student's express request, the master's dissertation in a Dutch programme can be written in a language other than Dutch. The language of the master's dissertation is indicated on Plato by the student and is approved by the Curriculum Committee.

The final language of the master's dissertation must be entered by the student on Plato by 1 April.

C. Final title of the master's dissertation

The final Dutch and English title of the master's dissertation are entered by the student by 1 April, in Plato.

In Plato, both a Dutch and English title are entered, irrespective of the language of the master's dissertation. The title of the master's dissertation will appear on the diploma supplement, which is drawn up in both languages. Translation of the title is done in consultation with the supervisor(s).

After approval by the supervisor and the Curriculum Committee, a title page will be automatically generated in Plato.

D. Format of the master's dissertation

Guidelines relating to the format, appearance, the structure and other similar aspects of the master's dissertation are available in a document on the FEA website.

A title page, generated by Plato, is added to the master's dissertation. The lay-out of the title page is determined by the language in which the master's dissertation is written (Dutch or English).

E. Submitting the master's dissertation

Students have to submit their master's dissertation on the Thursday before the start of the examination period, i.e. 22 May 2025 for the second-term examination period and 14 August 2025 for the resit examination period.

The Study Programme Committee may decide, for all students in the programme, to postpone the submission date of the master's dissertation by two weeks. The programme-specific dates will be published on the faculty's website.

The document has to be submitted electronically in PDF format. The PDF document is uploaded in Plato.

At the supervisor's request, and it is up to the students to check this, the master's dissertations are also submitted in hard copy as a reading version, in as many copies as there are members of the assessment committee (with a maximum of three hard copies).

The hard copies are submitted by the student in accordance with the principles of sustainability (e.g. printed on two sides of the page, alternatively on recycled paper, whether bound or not, as agreed with the supervisor).

F. Accessibility

All master's dissertations with a pass mark (from 10/20 onwards) are made available electronically within Ghent University through the university library. All master's dissertations with a score of 14/20 or higher are transferred to the open access system (of the university library) without prejudice to the rights of the author, Ghent University and third parties, insofar as they are not bound by confidentiality requirements. If this is the case, the supervisor will indicate in Plato which master's dissertation(s) are subject to confidentiality and from which date onwards they can be transferred to open access.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

For each master's dissertation, the Curriculum Committee, by delegating powers from the programme's Examination Board, appoints an assessment committee. The assessment committee comprises at least three members: one or two supervisors and one to three members of the reading committee (commissioners), by the supervisor's proposal. The assessment committee's composition differs from the advisory committee in at least one member.

At least one of the commissioners has not been involved in the master's dissertation process. This external commissioner does not have to belong to Ghent University. He or she cannot be a member of the advisory committee. This external commissioner can be a PhD student, if he or she has no link with the advisory committee.

Only in exceptional circumstances can exceptions be made, subject to a reasoned statement by the supervisor and a positive advice from the relevant Study Programme Committee. External commissioners must have expertise in the area of the master's dissertation.

Time schedule:

- *supervisor's proposal of the assessment committee: no later than 10 April*
- *appointment of assessment committee by the Curriculum Committee: meeting of May*

ASSESSMENT OF THE MASTER'S DISSERTATION

The student is evaluated on the process, the product, and the master's dissertation exam.

Both the dissertation advisory committee and the assessment committee are responsible for the assessment:

- The process assessment is done by the dissertation advisory committee and focuses on interpersonal and intrapersonal competences;
- The product assessment is done by the dissertation advisory committee and the assessment committee and includes, among other things, the technical-scientific aspects of the master's dissertation (master's dissertation and/or practical realization);
- The master's dissertation exam (presentation and answering question) is assessed by the assessment committee.

The master's dissertation is evaluated by means of an electronic evaluation form in Plato and a descriptive assessment framework ('rubric'), available on the faculty's website.

The three evaluation categories are weighted in the final score as follows:

- 30% of the marks: process evaluation
- 30% of the marks: product evaluation
- 40% of the marks: master's dissertation exam

If the score on one of the three evaluation categories is 8/20 or less than 8/20, the dissertation advisory committee and the assessment committee can conclude, by consensus, that the student can no longer pass the entire master's dissertation. If that is the case, and if the final mark according to weighting factors is 10/20 (or more), the final mark will be reduced to the highest failing mark, 9/20. If these special conditions apply, a specific argumentation and a fair justification is required based on the final competences of the master's dissertation.

The consensus assessment is entered by the supervisor in Plato and approved electronically by the members of the dissertation advisory committee and the assessment committee. All committee members have to sign the form electronically in Plato. The supervisor is also required to submit the final score (out of 20) in Oasis.

During the deliberation, there are no compensation rules that apply to the master's dissertation.

Time schedule:

- *signing the evaluation form and submitting the final score on Oasis by the supervisor, second semester: before 27 June 2025*
- *signing the evaluation form and submitting the final score on Oasis by the supervisor, resit examination period: before 8 September 2025*

MASTER'S DISSERTATION EXAM (PRESENTATION AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS)

The master's dissertation exam is a crucial component of the master's dissertation and consists of a presentation and answering questions from the assessment committee. Typically, the master's dissertation exam lasts 45 minutes, with 15 minutes for the presentation and 30 minutes for oral questioning.

The master's dissertation exam is done in the language in which the master's dissertation is written.

The master's dissertation exam is public (if there are no confidentiality requirements) and is attended by the entire assessment committee. In the event of force majeure, the absence is announced to the chairman of the Study Programme Committee and the assessment (one page) is handed to the supervisor.

The oral presentation can be organised virtually (e.g. via video conference).

No image and/or sound recording of an oral presentation is allowed, not by the student, the

observer or third parties, except if the presentation takes place via videoconferencing. Prohibited recordings (including any textual derivative/transcription thereof) are inadmissible as evidence in administrative or legal proceedings and are also to be destroyed at the first request.

The chair of the Programme Board attends to the organization of the presentations. The Programme Board chairman observes that the date, time and place (or if applicable, an indication of the electronic character) are posted on Plato. This information will appear automatically on the faculty's website. In principle, no exams of compulsory courses of the master's programs are scheduled on the days of the oral presentations, for the benefit of both the students and the assessment committee.

Time schedule:

- *publication of the presentation schedule of the second-term examination period and the resit examination period: one week before the presentations*
- *presentations second-term examination period: 25 June 2025 up to and including 27 June 2025*
- *presentations resit examination period: 5 September 2025 up to 8 September 2025⁴*

FEEDBACK

Each student is entitled to get feedback on the master's dissertation, both interim feedback, as well as feedback on the final assessment. The advisory committee is responsible for giving interim feedback. The supervisor provides feedback on the final mark.

After the announcement of the examination marks, the student can consult the assessment form. The student can consult the motivate grounds, the partial marks and the final score. The student also has the right to full access to the evaluation form.

SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM

In accordance with the Education and Examination Code, plagiarism at Ghent University is considered to be a form of fraud and an irregularity. The faculty code of conduct on plagiarism and scientific integrity (see separate document) defines plagiarism and explains what can be regarded as plagiarism. The supervisor of the master's dissertation is free to test the originality of the master's dissertation by means of anti-plagiarism software. The supervisor can analyse the master's dissertation using the tool StrikePlagiarism (available via Plato). The originality of the work can be tested against various sources, such as books, articles, online material, courses, previously made master's dissertations, etc. If there is reason to suspect a student has committed plagiarism in the master's dissertation, the procedure according to article 78 of the E&E code will be promptly followed.

⁴ Resit examination period academic year 2024–2025: 18 August 2025 until (and including) 8 September 2025. The oral presentations could also be organized on 7 September or 9 September, provided the final score is registered on time in Oasis.

FOR STUDENTS SUBMITTING THEIR MASTER'S DISSERTATIONS IN JANUARY 2025 = THESIS YEAR

GRADUATION AFTER THE FIRST TERM

Article 62, §2 of the Education and Examination Code (E&E 2024–2025) determines that:

“§2. Examination Boards also deliberate by 15 February 2025 at the latest in a graduation year of a Bachelor's, linking or preparatory programme, a Master's programme, Advanced Master's programme, or a postgraduate programme, for students who have taken all their examinations at that time. In doing so, article 71 is fully applicable. With the exception of the Master's dissertation and/or the work placement, first-term or full-year course units cannot be evaluated in the first term, unless the course unit is only assessed by means of continuous assessment and the lecturer agrees to have that assessment take place in the first semester.”

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND

Students who take a 'thesis year' (and are eligible to graduate after the first semester), must register the right examination period in Plato, before handing the master's dissertation and definitely no later than November 10.

If the student omits to register the examination period before the start of the first examination period, the timeline effectively shifts to the second examination period (and the student does not take a thesis year). If the student opts for a thesis year but fails to submit the master's dissertation by the submission deadline, the master's dissertation score will be 'absent'. The master's dissertation can then only be resubmitted in the resit examination period.

Students in a thesis year who continue to work on a previously chosen topic or who want to change their topic, are required to contact the Faculty Student Administration (FSA). The FSA will contact the responsible Study Programme Committee chairman and supervisor and will technically adjust Plato.

In a thesis year, an interim evaluation is also required. The date of which will be determined in consultation with the supervisor.

TIME SCHEDULE

For students who want to make use of the possibility of graduating after the first term the following time schedule applies:

- *registration of the period in Plato: no later than 10 November*
- *submitting the final title and language by the student: no later than 10 November*
- *approval of title and language by the supervisor: before mid-December*
- *approval of title and language by the Curriculum Committee: meeting of December*

- *submitting the master's dissertation first-term examination period: Thursday before the start of the examination period: 4 January 2025*
- *announcement of master's dissertation exams first-term examination period: one week beforehand*
- *master's dissertations exams: 30 January 2025 up and including 1 February 2025*
- *approval of the evaluation form and entering the final result in Oasis: before 6 February 2025*

The Study Programme Committee may decide, for all students in the programme, to postpone the submission date of the master's dissertation by two weeks.

APPOINTING THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Time schedule:

- *supervisor's proposal of assessment committee: before mid-December*
- *appointment of assessment committee by the Curriculum Committee: meeting of January*

FOR STUDENTS WHO GO ON AN ERASMUS EXCHANGE AND WANT TO COMPLETE THEIR MASTER'S DISSERTATION ABROAD

Students may choose to write their master's dissertation at a university abroad in the context of e.g. the Erasmus Mobility Programme (the specific Erasmus procedures can be found on the faculty's website⁵: 'Going on exchange during your studies').

The faculty's master dissertation regulations also apply to students who carry out their master's thesis at a university abroad.

Students should observe the following additional rules:

- The responsibility of the foreign master's dissertation rests with two supervisors: one promoter of Ghent University (responsible for administrative matters and appointed according to the FEA modalities) and one promoter of the host institution (appointed in accordance with the rules of the host institution). The UGent promoter is familiar with the partner institution and/or with the subject.
- Students indicate in Plato that they do not choose a topic at Ghent University. They register in Plato the preliminary title of the foreign master's dissertation, a short description and / or a work plan, according to the deadlines of the international office. This information must be approved by the UGent supervisor and the study programme committee. If the thesis is not carried out abroad, a UGent topic can be awarded later on via Plato, in consultation with the supervisor and the study programme committee.
- The master's thesis is submitted electronically via Plato and preferably according to the faculty modalities. In consultation with the promoters and depending on the partner institution the hand-in date may be adjusted. The UGent supervisor provides the Erasmus student with necessary extra guidelines.
- The external commissioner in the assessment committee preferably has affinity with the partner institution and with the subject, but is not the promoter of the home institution, nor of the partner institution.
- The master's thesis is assessed according to the faculty's modalities and evaluation forms.
- Preferably, there is one master's dissertation exam, either at the host university or at UGent. The promoters determine in consensus the number and location and register this in Plato.

⁵ https://www.ugent.be/ea/nl/faculteit/uitwisseling/alginfo_uitgaande.htm

TIME LINE 2024–2025

		action to be taken by ...	deadlines SELECTION YEAR deadlines DO YEAR deadlines THESIS YEAR
September 2024	before the start of the academic year before the start of the academic year	SUPERVISOR SUPERVISOR	publishing the names of the advisory committee (in Plato) signing the confidentiality clause by non-Ghent University collaborators in the advisory committee at the start-up (if applicable)
November 2024	no later than 10 November	STUDENT	register the final title and language (in Plato)
December 2024	before mid-December meeting of December	SUPERVISOR CURCOM	approval of the title and language, and proposal of the assessment committee (in Plato) final approval of the title and the language, and the assessment committee
January 2025	2 January 2025	STUDENT	submission of the master's dissertation for the first-term examination period
February 2025	one week beforehand 30 January – 1 February before 6 February December– February	SPC STUDENT/SUPERVISOR/SPC SUPERVISOR STUDENT/SUPERVISOR/SPC	publication of the master's dissertation exam schedule of the first-term master's dissertation exam signing the assessment form in Plato (assessment committee) and registration of the final score in Oasis interim evaluation
March 2025	until 15 March	SUPERVISOR	submitting the possible master's dissertation topics (in Plato)
April 2025	before 1 April (15 April at the latest)	SPC	approval of the master's dissertation topics and publishing the dissertation topics in Plato

	1 April no later than 10 April	STUDENT SUPERVISOR	registration of the final title and language (in Plato) approval of the title and language, and proposal of the assessment committee (in Plato)
May 2025	meeting of May mid May between 1 May and 15 May 22 May 2025 between 15 May and 31 May (15 June at the latest)	CURCOM SUPERVISOR STUDENT STUDENT SPC	final approval of the title and language and the assessment committee signing confidentiality clause by non-Ghent University committee collaborators in the assessment committee (if applicable) register the choice for the master's dissertation topic (in Plato) submitting the master's dissertation in the second-term examination period announcement of the assignment of the topics to students (in Plato)
June 2025	one week beforehand 25 June until 27 June 2025	SPC STUDENT/ SUPERV/SPC	announcement of the master's dissertation exams of the second-term master's dissertation exams second-term
July 2025	before 30 June 2025	SUPERVISOR	signing the assessment form in Plato (assessment committee) and registration of the final score in Oasis
August 2025	14 August 2025	STUDENT	submitting the master's dissertation in the resit examination period
September 2025	one week beforehand 5 September until 8 September before 8 September	SPC STUDENT/SUPERV./SPC SUPERVISOR	announcement of the master's dissertation exams resit examination period master's dissertation exams resit examination period signing the assessment form in Plato (assessment committee) and registration of the final score in Oasis