

## **RESEARCH MASTER TRACK:**

# CLASSICAL, MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES

(CMEMS)

**Specialization:** 

# **Literary Studies, Dutch**

(Middle Ages and Early Modern Period)



If you are studying *Dutch*, are interested in the Middle Ages and/or the early modern period, and have achieved good study results so far, the Research Master *Classical*, *Medieval and Early Modern Studies* might be right up your street.

The unique multidisciplinary programme of *CMEMS* covers the period from Antiquity to the eighteenth century. It provides a specific path for Literary Studies which enables you to explore medieval and early modern Dutch literature in more depth. In this two-year Master's programme you will study alongside students of classical and modern languages as well as history students who are interested in these periods. In addition to the course units from your own Master's specialization (in this case, Dutch) you will also follow a number of course units specially designed for all CMEMS students. You will also be able to choose electives from the range of course units offered by the other degree programmes that collaborate in this ReMa specialization. Subsequently, you will select your own tutorials to optimally develop your knowledge and competences to prepare for literary-historical research in Dutch language and literature. A ReMa takes twice as long as a regular Master's degree programme, so you will have twice as much opportunity to expand your knowledge of Antiquity.

### STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

CMEMS in-depth course units
The ReMa track CMEMS starts with the joint interdisciplinary course unit 'Approaches', which focuses on the theory and the methodology of cultural-historical

approaches to the pre-modern world, from the Classical Era and Middle Ages to the Early Modern Era. This course unit includes a study week at the KNIR, the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (an important pilgrimage



destination for medieval and early modern Dutchmen and -women), where you will work together with your fellow students and be introduced to the research history of historical and literary-historical objects and academic problems and debates.

In the second joint course unit (*CMEMS Seminar*) you will organize and contribute to a public conference about a theme of your choice, and thus gain experience in academic working methods. You will invite an eminent scholar to give a public keynote lecture, and act as a referee of your own paper. The subject of the 2016 conference was *Solidarity in Times of Crisis*.



#### Literature Research Seminars

In the first year you will also follow three research seminars to be chosen from the range of course units offered by the MA in Dutch, or from the national Masterlanguage programme (<a href="http://masterlanguage.nl">http://masterlanguage.nl</a>).

Students of Dutch may follow the integrated seminar in Medieval and Renaissance studies as a fourth research seminar. In addition you will need to take courses from the programme of the *National Research School Medieval Studies* or the *Huizinga Institute* (Early Modern History and Culture). In consultation with the Director of Studies you may also compile an individual programme, comprising tutorials or placements.

#### Individual specialization phase

In the second year, you will compile your own programme focusing on your specialization in either medieval or early modern Dutch literature (or in both). There are a number of options available for the first semester, from which you should choose in consultation with your Director of Studies/Mentor. You can opt for:

- other research seminars offered by the Faculty
- specialist tutorials
- learning a source language
- a research placement with a member of staff or an academic institution
- going abroad on an Erasmus exchange or otherwise facilitated.

#### Thesis

Although you will be writing your thesis (30 ECTS) during the second semester, year 2, you will already start preparing for it in the first semester in the thesis classes, where you will discuss the design and implementation of ReMa theses with your peers and where attention is paid to writing a research proposal.

#### Application and dovetailing with other programmes

Combination with a one-year Master's specialization in Dutch (Neerlandistiek) If you find yourself enraptured by the world of research during your one-year language Master's programme in Dutch (Neerlandistiek), you can transfer to CMEMS after that year. However, you can also combine both programmes from the start by compiling a tailor-made study programme in consultation with the study

advisor from your own degree programme and the Director of Studies of CMEMS. You will then receive two degree certificates: one from your regular Master's degree programme *Neerlandistiek* and one from the ReMa.

#### Combination with a teaching qualification

If you want to obtain a teaching qualification in your subject, you can apply for a the shorter one-year teacher training course, after your CMEMS programme instead of the usual 2 year Master of Arts in Teaching programme.

#### Supervision

Each ReMa student has a mentor, a lecturer who is appointed in consultation with the student and who can provide advice with regard to your study programme. The Director of Studies holds study progress interviews with all students twice a year. Please contact the study advisor for information about grants, study results and how to apply for your degree certificate.

#### Application

Please complete the online application form (available on the website) following the guidelines.



Please submit your application before 1 May 2017. Selection criteria include a clear motivation, good marks (e.g. 8 or higher on the Bachelor's thesis and above-average marks in years 2 and 3) and positive references. An interview with the selection committee may form part of the procedure. The Bachelor-before-Master rule is applied: students must have completed their Bachelor's degree. Although the official starting date is 1 September, the programme may also be started on 1 February. Please contact the DoS to discuss any of these points.

#### Research Assistants Programme

Talented ReMa students may qualify for a paid appointment for one day a week as a research assistant. In addition to following the regular ReMa programme, these students collaborate in research projects conducted by prominent researchers within the Faculty.

#### Information

For more information please contact one of the language lecturers involved in the ReMa in CMEMS:

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