GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

Trends in Historiography (A006728)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2) Dutch Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Buylaert, Frederik LW03 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027	crdts	offering
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Arabic and Islamic Studies)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject African Languages and Cultures)	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (main subject Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies)	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject East European Languages and Cultures)	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures)	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in History	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in History	5	A
Elective Set History	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Historiography - Social Sciences

Position of the course

This advanced course will help students gain an understanding into the history of historiography (including recent developments in this area) and in its connection with other social sciences. The course shows how to situate historical studies within society.

Contents

The course provides an overview of developments in pre modern and modern historiography. The first part of the course offers a comparative analysis of Western, Islamic and Chinese historiography. The second part focusses upon modern Western historiography in the nineteenth and twentieth century. The third part focuses on postmodern historiography in the late twentieth- and early twentyfirst century

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course Historical Criticism or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

1 To have knowledge of evolutions and movements within historiography and of recent debates about this subject.
2 To be able to interpret and contextualise historical research and historical acting within society.
3 To understand the interaction between historiography and other social sciences.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures and group discussions of samples of primary sources. Communication via UFORA.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Historiography in the Twentieth Century: From Scientific Objectivity to the Postmodern Challenge
Indicative price: € 20
Optional: no
Language : English
Author : Georg G. Iggers
ISBN : 0-8195-6766-3
Number of Pages : 120
Alternative : nvt
Oldest Usable Edition : 2005 [tweede, herwerkte editie]
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : Yes
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : not

References

No specific required reading

Course content-related study coaching

Possibility for consultations on Wedensday after class or by appointment.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Assessment moment
Periodical (100%)
Assessment form
Written exam with 4 open questions about the subject matter.

Calculation of the examination mark

Written exam (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:
1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance
2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours
For more information contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and

philosophy: https://www.ugent.be/lw/nl/student/studiestudentenbegeleiding/trajectbegeleiding.htm