GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

Maritime History (A002010)

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

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2027-2028

A (semester 2) Dutch, English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

Limberger, Michael LW03 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2027-2028	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (main subject History)	5	A
Master of Arts in History	5	A
Exchange Programme Cultures and Languages in Context	5	A
Exchange Programme Global Studies and World Societies	5	A
Exchange Programme History	5	A

Teaching languages

English, Dutch

Keywords

Maritime History, Medieval history, Early Modern history, North Sea, Baltic Sea, Mediterranean, Indian ocean, Atlantic history

Position of the course

Specialized course with the focus on the maritime history of the medieval and early modern period

Contents

The maritime history of the medieval and early modern period is studied from a perspective of the Sea as a historical space. The course provides a comparative study of the history of different world seas.

Initial competences

Good knowledge of the socio-economic, political and cultural history (see Bachelor degree in history).

Final competences

1 To have knowledge of the general lines of maritime history.
2 To be able to report orally and in written form on the course and the class content.
3 To be able to retrieve specialized information related to the history of specific maritime area's.
4 To display a critical reflection on the great lines of maritime history

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Excursion, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

Taught course, Individual work

Besides taught courses the students contribute to the comparative study by collecting specific information on a particular research area and discuss their results in group.
Excursion to the port of Antwerp

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Maritime History
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : English
Number of Slides : 300
Available on Ufora : Yes
Online Available : Yes
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No

Type: Reader

Name: Literature
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes
Language : English
Available on Ufora : Yes

Type: Excursion

Name: Excursion
Indicative price: € 20
Optional: no
Additional information: Excursion to Antwerp, including a visit of the historical port and city center, visit of MAS Museaum aan de Stroom, Red Star Line Museum

References

Course content-related study coaching

See office hours of the lecturer

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Written assessment

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

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Written exam with open questions (80%)
Students make a presentation and write a short paper over a case-study of their choice (20%)

Calculation of the examination mark

80% final exam, 20% presentation and paper
Submission of paper is required for a positive score.

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 by email, telephone or during an appointment during office hours

Extra information:
Student attendance during the excusion is required
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy