GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

Research Seminar: Medieval History (A004042)

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 1)	Dutch	Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

Buylaert, Frederik	LW03	lecturer-in-charge
Vanderputten, Steven	LW03	co-lecturer

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

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Religious- and cultural history of the Middle Ages, Political-institutional history of the Middle Ages, and socio-economic history of the Middle Ages.

Position of the course

Students will be trained in coming to grips with current issues and debates in relation to the history of the Middle Ages and in setting up and carrying out innovative research projects in those fields.

Contents

The topics dealt with in the research seminar change on a yearly basis. A number of great debates in medieval history will be studied and analysed by means of case studies based on actual source material. For the academic year 2024-2025 two themes are programmed, each taking up half of the course:
1) Moral and social distinction in the Early and High Middle Ages.
Lecturer: Steven Vanderputten
2) The social history of Early Netherlandish Painting
Lecturer: Frederik Buylaert

Initial competences

Students are familiar with the basics of historiography and historical methods, having obtained a Bachelor's degree.

Final competences

1 To cogently demonstrate advanced knowledge of the subject matter of the research seminar.
2 To critically evaluate existing theories and to creatively apply them to the subject matter of the research seminar.
3 To formulate a critical and well-founded opinion on the issues dealt with in the seminar, with special attention to interdisciplinarity.
4 To autonomously look for sources and literature and interpret them.
5 To critically reflect on the course, resulting in a paper.

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

Seminar, Independent work, Peer teaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

- *Group work: preparing a specific topic*
- *Peer teaching: presentation of specific topic*
- *Seminar: discussion*
- *Independent work: position papers*

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Powerpoint presentations
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Number of Slides : 50
Available on Ufora : Yes
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No

Type: Handouts

Name: Handouts
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Number of Pages : 50
Available on Ufora : Yes
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : one-time
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally
Additional information: Number of pages is indicative.

References

Course content-related study coaching

the Ufora website; lecturers' office hours; feedback to presentations, papers and exams

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Oral assessment

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

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Position papers, presentations, peer teaching, open questions at the exam. The organization of this course and the ratio on/offline are subject to Corona measures and will be announced through UFORA.

Calculation of the examination mark

Permanent evaluation: Position papers and presentations: 50%; Peer teaching: 20%
Periodical Evaluation: Exam: 30%

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

1 Student attendance during educational activities is required
2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during and after office hours

Extra information:

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy