GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

History of the European Expansion during the Early Modern Period (A006722)

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) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

Limberger, Michael	LW03	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2027-2028	**crdts**	**offering**
Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	5	A
Exchange Programme Critical Perspectives on Culture	5	A
Exchange Programme History	5	A
Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in History	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in History	5	A
Elective Set Critical Perspectives on Culture	5	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

European expansion, America, Asia, Africa

Position of the course

This is a specialisation course on the history and historiography of the European expansion from the 15th to the 18th century as well as on the resulting historical interactions on worldwide scale.

Contents

Introduction to the historiography concerning the process of European expansion and its evolution from a rather Eurocentric vision towards a history of interaction. Analysis of the consequences for the history of Europe, Africa, Asia and Americaon a political, economic and cultural level.

Initial competences

Thorough knowledge of the European history of the Middle Ages and the Early Modern period (15th-18th centuries) as well as the general lines of World History, as provided in the framework of the bachelorprogramme in history.

Final competences

1 To have knowledge of a historical framework with reference to the evolution of European expansion and the interaction of related historical processes both in Europe and on other continents.
2 To have insights on historical developments and processes
3 to relate tendencies of historical thinking with broader visions on man and society
4 to formulate relevant contributions to discussion on the basis of scientific literature.

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

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

The general content of the course is presented in lectures. The students prepare contributions for discussion on specific topics within the framework of the theme of the course and discuss the results in class.
Due to COVID-19 changes to your teaching methods can be implemented in case this is necessary.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Wolfgang Reinhard, A Short History of Colonialism, Chapters 1-6
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes
Language : English
Author : Wolfgang Reinhard
ISBN : 978-0-71908-327-3
Number of Pages : 111
Oldest Usable Edition : 2011
Online Available : Yes
Available in the Library : Yes

Type: Slides

Name: Powerpoint slides
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : English
Number of Slides : 360
Oldest Usable Edition : 2024-25
Available on Ufora : Yes

References

Course content-related study coaching

Students can get weekly feedback from the lecturer before and after classes as well as during the 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 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

Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Calculation of the examination mark

80 % periodical evalution, 20 % non-periodical evaluation

Facilities for Working Students

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. Alternative time for feedback is possible

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