GHENT UNIVERSITY

Historical Cartography (A000962)

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

Credits 5.0   **Study time**   150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	lecture
			seminar

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Lambrecht, Thijs	LWO3	lecturer-in-charge
De Maeyer, Philippe	WE12	co-lecturer
Thoen, Erik	LWO3	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025   **crdts**   **offering**

	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

historical cartography, historical criticism

Position of the course

The course aims at the acquisition of knowledge and insight into the evolution of geographical mapmaking, the techniques, reliability, actuality, precision and filiation of historical cartographic material.

Contents

- History of geographical insights through times around the world.
- Historical criticism of ancient maps.
- Survey of historical cartography:
° cartography before the scientific revolution of the 16th century.
° local cartography and local surveys from the 13th century to the Napoleonic land registration.
° maritime cartography.
° chorographical mapping between the 16th and 18th century.
° topographical cartography of lands from the 18 century onwards.
° thematical cartography from the 19 century onwards.
- Evolution of orientation, map projections, and reproduction techniques in the last 250 years.
- Acquisition techniques.
- Visits to archives and museums.

Initial competences

General historical and geographical insights and orientation

Final competences

1 The student has a general insight into the evolution of historical cartography and related problems.
2 The student is able to critically read the information on historical maps.
3 The student can evaluate how he can use historical cartography for historical and historic-geographical research.
4 The student has insight in the techniques that allow to assess the information. The course allows him/her to start some research in this field.

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

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture

Study material

Type: Slides

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

References

Course content-related study coaching

Guidance by lecturers during exercises, with the possibility to receive additional feedback on the theory during office hours and via Ufora

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

Oral assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Calculation of the examination mark

20% exercice; 80% written exam. Making the exercices is obligatory.

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 by email or during an appointment during and after office hours

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