

Archaeology of the Near East (A003303)

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 2025-2026

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

independent work
lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Bretschneider, Joachim

LW02

lecturer-in-charge

Nys, Nadine

LW02

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

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[Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Archaeology](#)

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A

[Elective Set Archaeology](#)

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A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Ancient Near East, archaeology

Position of the course

This basic subject is part of a package of domain-specific subjects that aims to provide a fairly complete spectrum of the archaeology offered by the study programme. In this case, the subject aims to provide a global overview of Near Eastern archaeology.

Contents

Chronological overview of the major cultural and material developments in the Near East, from prehistory to ca. 500 BC.

Initial competences

Have the final competences of secondary education.

Have a standard knowledge of languages (Dutch, English).

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Final competences

1 To have a general insight into the developments of the Ancient Near East, historically as well as archaeologically.

2 To be able to interpret characteristic elements in the material and cultural developments in their context.

3 To be able to situate archaeological remains in their chronological, regional, political and ideological context.

4 To critically analyse the available archaeological sources.

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5 To independently analyse the scientific literature in different languages.

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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, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Courses with PowerPoint presentations (up to 50% online), video and/or other media (online)

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE NEAR EAST A003303A 2023 - 2024

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

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This course unit assumes responsible use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI). Unpublished data should never be entered into GAI tools. The applicable guidelines from Academic Skills are respected throughout the course.

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Course content-related study coaching

Specific questions can be asked during the lecturer's office hours.

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 examination with open questions. Some general questions and additionally recognising, identifying and chronologically situating of archaeological remains/objects. More insight than encyclopaedic knowledge.

Calculation of the examination mark

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
- 2 Possible rescheduling of an written examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Possibility of feedback after appointment

Extra information:

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

