

General Introduction to Archaeology (A003304)

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 2023-2024

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

Crombé, Philippe

LW02

lecturer-in-charge

De Mulder, Guy

LW02

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

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Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Arabic and Islamic Studies)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China (China Track))	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China (UGent Track))	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject India)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Japan)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	5	A
Exchange Programme Archaeology	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Archaeology	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Archaeology, history, methodology

Position of the course

This basic course is part of a series Methodology. The course intends to give a general overview of methods and theories in European archaeology.

Contents

General overview of different aspects of archaeology as discipline. Amongst others, history of archaeology, archaeological theories, taphonomic processes, relative dating, etc.

Initial competences

Accessible to all students, without specific previous knowledge

Final competences

- 1 To have critical insight into the evolution of archaeology as a science.
- 2 To have knowledge of the large movements that define archaeology.
- 3 To recognise the taxonomic processes archaeology deals with.
- 4 To be able to apply different relative dating techniques (typology, seriation, stratigraphy,...)
- 5 To have a first critical insight in the role of archaeology as an actor in the society of today (ethics, management, archaeology and politics)

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

Lectures with PowerPoint. Guided self-study: mandatory literature.

Learning materials and price

Syllabus, PowerPoint presentations and mandatory literature will be made available. Cost: 25 euro

References

Renfrew C., Bahn P., 2012. Archaeology: Theory, Methods, and Practice, London: Thames and Hudson (sixth edition).

Course content-related study coaching

Weekly visiting hours and via Ufora.

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

100% periodical. Final written examination. More insight than encyclopedic knowledge

Calculation of the examination mark

100% periodical

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance
- 2 Feedback can be given by email.
- 3 It is possible to take the exam at a different time within the regular exam period