

## Introduction to Prospection and Excavation Techniques (A003306)

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

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 180 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026**

A (semester 2)

Dutch

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lecture

independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

Crombé, Philippe

LW02

lecturer-in-charge

Maréchal, Sadi

LW02

co-lecturer

Verhegge, Jeroen

LW02

co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026**

[Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology](#)

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**offering**

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

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[Elective Set Archaeology](#)

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**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Prospecting techniques, excavation techniques

**Position of the course**

This basic course is part of a package 'Methodology'. In this case the course helps the student to gain insight into the specific field methods and field techniques of archaeology.

**Contents**

Overview of the main fieldwork methods in archaeology, discussed on the basis of numerous applications and examples from the field of European and non-European archaeology.

**Initial competences**

To have a basic understanding of the meaning, theoretical foundations, objectives and history of archaeology.

**Final competences**

- 1 To have a critical understanding of the various prospection and excavation methods used within archaeology.
- 2 To have an idea of the diverse applications of these techniques in archaeological fieldwork.
- 3 To be ready for practical fieldwork (internships).
- 4 To have a notion of the ethics of archaeological fieldwork.
- 5 To understand the integration of invasive and non-invasive field approaches.

**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**

This course consists of lectures, supplemented with illustration material and required reading.

**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.**

### **Study material**

Type: Syllabus

Name: F. Vermeulen & Ph. Crombé, Inleiding tot prospectie- en opgravingstechnieken in de archeologie

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

### **References**

### **Course content-related study coaching**

- For specific questions students can contact the lecturers during their office hours (by appointment) and after the lectures.
- Forum on UFORA.

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term 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**

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

Written examination with open and closed questions. The emphasis is more on understanding than on encyclopedic knowledge.

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

Periodic evaluation (100%)

### **Facilities for Working Students**

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance
- 2 Feedback can be given during an appointment during or after office hours
- 3 It is possible to take the exam at a different time within the regular exam period