

Protohistory of Northwestern Europe (A003319)

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 2026-2027

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	lecture
			independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Lauwers, Bart	LW02	staff member
De Mulder, Guy	LW02	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Archaeology	5	A
Elective Set Archaeology	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Archaeology, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Low Countries, Channel-North Sea area

Position of the course

As part of the Domain-specific knowledge courses, this advanced course is specifically aiming at a deeper and larger knowledge gathered in the first year. In this case: study of the protohistory (Bronze Age and Iron Age) of NW Europe and the Low Countries from the end of the 3rd millennium until the arrival of the Romans.

Contents

Detailed overview of the occupation history of the Low Countries in the Bronze Age and the Iron Age, related to the neighbouring countries. There is a focus on chronology, settlement patterns and structures, funeral practices, religion and ideology, social and economic aspects of the period, material culture, etc.

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course Prehistory and Protohistory.

Final competences

- 1 To have a thorough critical insight into the evolution and processes occurring during the Bronze Age and the Iron Age in the Low Countries and in surrounding areas.
- 2 To have (basic) knowledge of the diversity and complexity of cultures from the Metal Ages in the Low Countries.
- 3 To be able to reflect critically on evolutions, developments and processes which characterise the Metal Ages in the Low Countries.
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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

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures with PowerPoint, video and other multimedia combined with critical reading of papers and book chapters.

Guided self-study: assigned literature

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: Slides

Name: slides protohistory

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

Type: Other

Name: pdf papers

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

No specific references

Course content-related study coaching

Individual guidance is possible at the end of the lessons, via Minerva or by appointment through email with the lecturers.

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

Final, written examination. More insight than encyclopaedic knowledge.

Calculation of the examination mark

100% periodical

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

For more information contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy: <https://www.ugent.be/w/nl/student/studiestudentenbegeleiding/trajectbegeleiding.htm>