

## 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**

[Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology](#)

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**offering**

A

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

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

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[Elective Set Archaeology](#)

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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/lw/nl/student/studiestudentenbegeleiding/trajectbegeleiding.htm>