Archaeology of the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Age (A003322)

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 2)	Dutch	Gent	excursion
			independent work
			lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Clerbaut, Tim	LW02	staff member
Vanhoutte, Sofie	LW02	staff member
De Clercq, Wim	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, mediaeval, early modern period

Position of the course

As part of the series Domain-specific knowledge, this specialist course builds on the knowledge gathered in the first year (Archaeology of the historical periods.
In this course, students gain an insight into the mediaeval and early modern archaeology of the Low Countries.

Contents

Detailed archaeological overview of the mediaeval settlement history of the former Southern Netherlands and the Prince Diocese of Liège, with reference to the neighbouring regions. Attention to both urban and rural settlement forms, religious, military, social and economic centres, material culture, etc.

Initial competences

- To have successfully completed the course Archaeology of Historical Periods or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

1 To have a general insight into the socio-economical developments in the medieval and early-modern period in NW-Europe.
2 To have basic knowledge of a number of aspects of the archaeology of the medieval and early modern period (settlement forms, military architecture, socio-economic processes,...).
3 To have an overall understanding of the evolution of the studied aspects.
4 To be able to incorporate the different aspects in an overview of the era in a critical way.
5 To be able to place the results of the archaeological research of the different aspects within its historical and methodological context.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Excursion, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures
- Independent work: a package of literature (articles) to promote self-study.
- Excursion: possible visit to a relevant exhibition or site under the guidance of a (regional) specialist

This course unit assumes responsible use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI). Unpublished data, including course material, should never be entered into GAI tools

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Handouts in the form of powerpoint-slides linked to the lectures
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes
Available on Ufora : Yes
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No

Type: Other

Name: Additional literature on recent discoveries or current topics
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes

References

Course content-related study coaching

For specific questions, you can contact the lecturer (by e-mail).

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 assessment. The exam features general survey questions and more detailed questions, in which insight is more important than encyclopaedic knowledge.

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodical (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

- To be discussed with the teacher
Class attendance
- Class attendance is recommended to successfully complete the course
Online facilities
- Lectures will not be recorded but sufficient online learning material will be provided
Catch-up exam
- It is possible to take the exam at a different time within the regular exam period
Feedback

- Possibility to receive feedback at another time: by appointment