

## Practicum: Material Culture of the Stone Age (A003327)

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

**Credits 3.0**

**Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026**

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

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**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Materials, stone ages

**Position of the course**

This advanced course is part of a series "Practise in Material Culture", which aims at learning students the techniques and methods of describing and illustrating archaeological material. This course will focus on archaeological material from the prehistory.

**Contents**

In this course different aspects such as raw material, technology, typology and function of prehistoric artefacts will be taught in a chronological sense.

**Initial competences**

- To have successfully completed the course Introduction to Materials or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.
- To have successfully completed (or to follow simultaneously) the course Prehistory of NW-Europe.

**Final competences**

- 1 To control the techniques and methods of advanced analysis of prehistoric finds.
- 2 To be able to classify finds typologically.
- 3 To be able to analysis finds technologically.
- 4 To be capable of combining the results of different analytic technique.
- 5 To gain insight into the paleoethnographic reconstruction of prehistoric sites.

**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, Practical

### Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures with Powerpoint, video and other multimedia
- Seminar: practical exercises individually.

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 Unpublished data should never be entered into GAI tools.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: PowerPoint slides

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

Additional information: The PowerPoint slides of the lessons are made available to students online and free of charge.

### References

Inizan M.-L., Reduron M., Roche H., Tixier J., 1999. Technology and Terminology of Knapped Stone, Préhistoire de la Pierre Taillée 5, Nanterre: CREP.

### Course content-related study coaching

The practical exercises are permanently supervised.

### Assessment moments

continuous assessment

### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

### Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

### Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

### Extra information on the examination methods

Practical exercises, consisting of an individual analysis of prehistoric finds according to the standard methods and techniques for typological and technological characterization. The results of this exercise must be discussed in one or more papers, which will be evaluated. The presence of the student is mandatory.

### Calculation of the examination mark

100% based on submitted papers. The student needs to be successful for both papers.

### Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance
- 2 Feedback can be given by email
- 3 It is not possible to take the exam at another time

Extra information:

Attendance of the introductory classes is indispensable.

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