

Practicum: Material Culture of the Roman Provinces (A003332)

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

Credits 3.0 **Study time 90 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

null

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Clerbaut, Tim	LW02	staff member
Vanhoutte, Sofie	LW02	staff member
Dekoninck, Michiel	LW02	lecturer-in-charge
De Clercq, Wim	LW02	co-lecturer
Dreesen, Roland	LW02	co-lecturer
Reniere, Sibrecht	LW02	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

null

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Material study, provincial-Roman period, material culture

Position of the course

This advanced course is part of a series Domain-specific practice courses, which aims at teaching students the techniques and methods of describing and illustrating archaeological material finds, building on the course Introduction to materials. This course will focus on typology and technology of different categories of artefacts, both of local and imported nature, from the Provincial-Roman period.

Contents

Evolution of ceramics (typology and technology) during Roman times in the Northern provinces of the empire. Other material groups (glass, stone tools, CBM and other building materials, ...) will also be discussed.

Initial competences

- To have successfully completed the course Introduction to Materials or have acquired the intended competences in another way
- To have successfully completed (or to follow simultaneously) the course Archaeology of the Provincial-Roman period.

Final competences

- 1 To be able to analyse and recognise Gallo-Roman artefacts
- 2 To have basic knowledge of the diversity of archaeological finds of the Provincial-Roman period, based on personal experience with materials.
- 3 To be able to determine Roman material globally, on the basis of type and form.
- 4 To be able to use the study of ceramics as a way to reconstruct chronological and socio-economic processes
- 5 To be able to evaluate the research of earthenware and situate it in the right context.
- 6 To be able to use the results of material study to add to the general site interpretation based on specific casestudies.
- 7 To be able to reflect critically of the relations between groups of finds and their

contexts

Conditions for credit contract

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

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Excursion, Lecture, Practical

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures: introduction lecture for each topic giving a theoretical background before the start of the exercises
- Seminar: practical exercises either in group and/or individually in order to practice the skills and knowledge concerning the study of objects of the Provincial-Roman period.
- Excursion: possibly a visit to a relevant exhibition or site with explanation by a (regional) specialist. Students are asked to make a modest contribution toward the costs.

Recordings of lectures are not provided as a standard, and the availability of up-to-date recordings that fully correspond to the taught material cannot be guaranteed. Active attendance in class is therefore strongly encouraged.

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

The applicable guidelines from Academic Skills are respected throughout the course.

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: An introduction to the study of Provincial Roman pottery: a practical handbook

Indicative price: € 40

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : No

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Slides

Name: Handouts in the form of powerpoint-slides linked to the lectures

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Other

Name: Additional literature or practical tools to support the practicum

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: yes

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

No specific references

Course content-related study coaching

Contact moments every week with practical exercises.

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

Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The student is given an individual or group assignment to determine and report his or her findings. The reports are evaluated, as well the participation during sessions. Attendance in the practical sessions is therefore mandatory.

Calculation of the examination mark

Non-periodical: continuous assessment (100%)

Passing all (partial) assignments is mandatory. Otherwise, the final score is equated to the highest non-deliberable number.

Facilities for Working Students

To be discussed with the teacher

Class attendance

- Class attendance is mandatory and will be included in the calculation of the final score

Online facilities

- No online/digital facilities (lectures take place on campus, without recordings)

Catch-up exam

- It is not possible to take the exam at another time

Feedback

- Possibility to receive feedback at another time: by appointment