

History and Theory of International Relations in the Ancien Régime (A004009)

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

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in History	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in History	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in History	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Early modern history; political history; international relations; diplomacy; secrecy; spies and espionage.

Position of the course

Advanced course.

Contents

Analysis of the relations between states in the 16th-18th centuries. Study of the birth and the evolution of permanent embassies and of the typology of the early modern diplomats.

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course "Early modern History" or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 Have proficient knowledge of the historical terminological framework, the most important historical facts, and historical explanations.
- 2 Have a referential framework for the early modern period.
- 3 Have the ability to critically reflect upon the role of the global perspective, the dynamics of processes, and recurrences in historical situations.
- 4 Be able to approach a problem from multiple perspectives – multiperspectivism.
- 5 Have the ability to interpret contemporary developments from a historical-comparative perspective.
- 6 Be able to demonstrate cultural sensitivity, respect for diversity and the ability to reflect on continuity and change from a long-term perspective.
- 7 To have the ability to participate actively in group discussions (also in another language than Dutch) and to communicate the results of historical research to both experts and peers in a clearly structured oral presentation, in a clear and academically correct language.

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

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures, with support of PowerPoint Presentations.
- Students write and present a paper on a clearly defined topic, which accounts for 20% of the marks.

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: Several scientific articles and chapters from books

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : English

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : Yes

References

Course content-related study coaching

By appointment (through e-mail).

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Oral assessment

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

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodical evaluation (oral exam, 80%).

Facilities for Working Students

An alternative date for the oral exam is possible.