

## Public History: Observation Internship (A004012)

**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 2024-2025**

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

independent work  
work placement

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

Danniau, Fien

LW03

staff member

Deploige, Jeroen

LW03

lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

**crdts**

5

**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Internship, practical experience, public history, heritage organisations, museums, archives, media

**Position of the course**

The internship is part of the practical course in public history. Under the guidance of a supervisor, students observe and participate in a public history domain and thus become acquainted with the broad practice of public history work. The internship can only start when there is an internship agreement between the internship site and Ghent University. To this end, an 'Internship Agreement' needs to be signed by all participating parties (student/trainee, Ghent University and the organisation or institution doing the internship): <https://www.ugent.be/nl/onderwijs/administratie/verzekering/stage>

**Contents**

An internship of 120 hours in an institution, organization, arena or practice that establishes relationships with the past (heritage institutions and other media, policy, public services, tourism, justice, sociocultural organizations and institutions ...)

The internship is chosen from a list of employers with a guaranteed professional framework.

The internship is supervised by a supervisor. The timing and content of the internship is agreed with the mentor. It is possible to search for and submit your own internship to. Internships can also be done abroad and in French-speaking Belgium.

The internship consists of:

1. Observation of the host; 2. Participation in the operations of the host under supervision of the supervisor; 3. Drawing up a report and a public-historical reflection on the host's operations based on policy documents, interviews with policy staff and observation of the operations.

**Initial competences**

**Final competences**

- 1 To have insight in the place of history and historians in society.
- 2 To contextualize and interpret historical research and one's own historical actions within a social framework.
- 3 To have insight into how historical scientific research functions and how it is organised.
- 4 To have insight into the methodology of history.
- 5 To display an investigative and lifelong learning attitude with a sense of historical criticism and creativity.

- 6 To communicate in a written and oral report on the results of historical research to experts and non-experts.
- 7 To work on a project with peers or colleagues.
- 8 To assess social problems and contemporary views with a sense of criticism and historical background.
- 9 To have insight in the workings of archives and heritage institutions.

**Conditions for credit contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Independent work, Work placement

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Collective en individual contacts during semester

**Study material**

None

**References****Course content-related study coaching**

Tutor at internship, professor's office hours, teaching assistant

**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**

Professional practice, Participation, Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Permanent evaluation concludes with a feedback moment.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

continuous assessment (100%)

**Facilities for Working Students**

- 1 The internship is scheduled in consultation with the tutor
  - 2 Optional feedback by email or appointment after working hour
- For more information regarding flexible study: <http://www.flw.ugent.be/flexibelstuderen>