

Financial and Monetary History: The Middle Ages and The Early Modern Age (A004067)

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 1)

Dutch

Gent

independent work
seminar
lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Limberger, Michael

LW03

lecturer-in-charge

Dumolyn, Jan

LW03

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

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[Linking Course Master of Arts in History](#)

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[Preparatory Course Master of Arts in History](#)

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Money, public finance, taxes, accounts, credit, bookkeeping, Middle Ages, Early Modern period

Position of the course

Taught course and seminar which allows the students to evaluate in a critical matter how financial and fiscal techniques and institutions have developed in both a practical and ideological way, in the context of cities, states, the Church and with private persons.

Contents

By means of practical examples students learn to analyze financial sources (accounts, bookkeeping, financial records...). Overview of the evolution of financial institutions, book-keeping techniques and ideological background of fiscality and monetary politics. The course covers the following topics: urban finances, state finances, church and private finances, credit, banking and insurance, shareholding, debt management and book-keeping, and monetary history.

Initial competences

- Students should have a solid knowledge of social and economic history concerning the period under study.
- Students can work independently.

Final competences

- 1 Be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge of the main developments in financial and monetary history
- 2 Be able to use the terminology of financial and monetary history
- 3 Be able to orally report on the literature that has been read
- 4 Be able to critically apply the literature to specific cases, cases from practice and own research
- 5 Be able to make the link between the acquired knowledge of financial and monetary history and current developments in society

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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, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Besides the general classes we are going to make exercises in class.
Students will prepare an individual task, consisting of a short paper and oral presentation.

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Powerpoint slides
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Number of Slides : 300
Oldest Usable Edition : 2024-25
Available on Ufora : Yes

Type: Reader

Name: Reader
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Number of Pages : 600
Oldest Usable Edition : 2024-25
Available on Ufora : Yes
Additional information: Literature concerning the class topics and source material analyzed in class

References**Course content-related study coaching**

Interactive support through Ufora and personal contact with lecturers

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous 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

Oral 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

Continuous evaluation is possible during each meeting with the students.
Participation (except in the case of legally accepted absence) is required.

Calculation of the examination mark

periodical evaluation: 60 %; non-periodical evaluation: 40 %
Non-periodical evaluation: 20% paper, 20% active participation and presentation of paper.
Regular participation and paper submission is required for positive evaluation.

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:
1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance; a task is imposed in substitution

- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
 - 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during or after office hours
- For more information contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy: <https://www.ugent.be/lw/nl/student/studiestudentenbegeleiding/trajectbegeleiding.htm>