

## Methodology I (A005049)

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

**Credits 3.0** **Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024**

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| A (semester 2) | Dutch | Gent | seminar          |
|                |       |      | independent work |

**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

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|--------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Dikova-Milanova, Miglena | LW21 | staff member       |
| Geerardyn, Tilde         | LW21 | staff member       |
| Moravcevic, Slobodanka   | LW21 | staff member       |
| Saelman, Helena          | LW21 | staff member       |
| Troch, Pieter            | LW21 | lecturer-in-charge |
| Dhooge, Ben              | LW21 | co-lecturer        |
| Stern, Dieter            | LW21 | co-lecturer        |
| Yudin, Aleksey           | LW21 | co-lecturer        |

**Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024**

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| <a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures</a> | <b>crdts</b> | <b>offering</b> |
|  | 3            | A               |

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

methodology, reporting, Slavic and East European Studies, scientific language

**Position of the course**

This first of three methodological courses introduces students into the practice(s) of academic research, and teaches them various scholarly skills.

**Contents**

The course familiarizes the students with the necessary steps to set up a scientific research (formulating a problem and status quaestionis, looking up scientific literature, summarizing and processing it into a bibliography, use of a style sheet, scientific use of language in Dutch and two Slavic languages) .

**Initial competences**

Competences acquired in the secondary education. To have successfully completed the courses Russian II and Bulgarian I, BCS I or Slovenian I or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

**Final competences**

- 1 To formulate a short research problem and research question (based on a state-of-the-art).
- 2 To recognise different research domains and methods within Slavic and East-European studies.
- 3 To make use of bibliographies and digital databases.
- 4 To detect and list sources in a bibliography using a style sheet.
- 5 To report on and summarise academic research.
- 6 To use the acquired language knowledge receptively and productively.
- 7 To uphold the basic principles of scientific integrity.

**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, Independent work

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Seminar: Tutorials explaining and illustrating the scientific skills.

Independent work: Several shorter scholarly assignments (critical summary, research proposal).

Due to COVID19 teaching methods can be adapted if necessary.

**Learning materials and price**

Syllabus methodology, including stylesheet, and additional teaching material are made available free of charge on Ufora.

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

As the course is taught in the form of tutorials, quick feedback is possible. For all assignments, thorough feedback is provided. The lecturer-in-charge is available for feedback on appointment.

**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 in modified form

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Continuous assessment consists of a number of assignments throughout the course: critical summaries; scientific language in the Slavic study languages; research proposal; other shorter in-class assignments.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

Continuous assessment makes up 100% of the final mark. It comprises:

- Two critical summaries of scholarly lectures in Slavistics and East-European studies (10%).
- Scientific language in Russian and the South-Slavic language of choice (30%)
- Research proposal (20%)
- In-class scholarly assignments: summary, state of the art, bibliography, research problem (40%).

**Facilities for Working Students**

1. Possible exemption from attendance. For the in-class assignments, a compensatory assignment is required.
2. Possible continuous assessment on a different time in the same academic year.
3. Feedback can be given by email or by appointment.

For more information concerning flexible learning: <http://www.flw.ugent.be/flexibelstuderen>