

19th-Century Art: Capita Selecta (A005292)

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 2)	Dutch	Gent	seminar
			lecture
			excursion

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Wollaert, Raf	LW17	staff member
Sterckx, Marjan	LW17	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies	5	A
Elective Set Art Studies	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Fine arts, long 19th century, Europe, art world, art practice, canon, picturesque, sculpture, monument

Position of the course

This course provides an advanced supplement to the chronological, stylistic art historical perspective (the -isms) provided in "Overzicht van de Beeldende Kunst: 1789-nu" (1BA).

Contents

Study of art (practices) in the long 19th century (ca. 1789-1914) based on selected topics.

The course is clustered into 3 parts:

(I) Art practice and art business: organization of the fine arts practices in Europe in the long 19th century, according to the creation, distribution and reception of art, practices in the development of (public) sculpture. The focus is on Belgium and its neighbouring countries.

(II) Perception and representation: on various ways in which 19th-century artists and their public perceived and depicted their environment / subject, and different tools and strategies they used, and on new visual 'attractions' and their impact on art and artists.

(III) Fragment and monument: on 19th-century practices in the development of (public) sculpture, the potential of the sculptural fragment, the monument, and Auguste Rodin as a bridge figure between tradition and modernity in sculpture.

Note: Program subject to changes. See the exact program in the Study Guide available on Ufora.

Initial competences

Basic knowledge of 19th-century art history and history.
Passive knowledge of French, English and German.

Final competences

1 Demonstrate understanding and knowledge of the organization of the 19th-

- century art world, internationally, nationally and locally.
- 2 Demonstrate understanding and knowledge of the specificities of Belgian 19th-century art (practice).
 - 3 Demonstrate understanding and knowledge of recent developments in research into 19th-century art
 - 4 Being able to usefully analyze, interpret and confront 19th-century artists and artworks.
 - 5 Critical attitude towards the canon of 19th-century art.

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

Seminar, Excursion, Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lecture: combination of live and video-lectures with ample images; taking notes is necessary.
- Seminar: seminars in smaller groups, based on the lectures and reader
- Excursion: collective and independent visit of selected exhibitions/ collections and possibly conference participation

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: 19th-century art: capita selecta - ppt-syllabus

Indicative price: € 50

Optional: yes

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

Additional information: The handouts of the lectures are offered via Ufora as separate, digital files, and printed in colour and bundled as a ppt-syllabus via Academia Press. Purchase of the printed syllabus is optional.

Type: Reader

Name: 19th-century art: capita selecta - Reader

Indicative price: € 20

Optional: yes

Oldest Usable Edition : 2024

Available on Ufora : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Additional information: The reader texts are offered as separate digital files through Ufora, as well as printed and bundled through Academia Press. Purchase of the printed reader is optional.

Type: Excursion

Name: Brussels excursion

Indicative price: € 25

Optional: no

Additional information: Contribution to cost of excursion: train tickets, guided tours, entrance tickets. Estimated price.

References

A selective bibliography is provided in the study guide.

Course content-related study coaching

Questions can be asked during, before and after the classes.

During the seminars, students prepare for the exam.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment

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

Written assessment

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

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written examination, testing insight and knowledge of course content, as well as visual analysis and processing of the reader and excursions. There are both text and picture questions.

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written exam

Facilities for Working Students

- Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
- Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year.
- Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours.

More info: <https://www.ugent.be/student/nl/administratie/flexibel-studeren>