

Dutch Literature: The Middle Ages (A005708)

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	lecture	0.0h
			independent work	0.0h
			seminar	0.0h

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 Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - French)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - German)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Latin)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Swedish)	5	A
Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - French)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - German)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Italian)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Dutch, literature, Middle Ages, rhetoricians

Position of the course

This basic course aims at providing knowledge of the Dutch historical literature (until c. 1550), and furthermore at training students in reading, understanding, analysing and interpreting historical literary texts.

Contents

With this course, students are familiarized with the most important genres, movements, and key works of the Dutch medieval literature. The exercises are oriented especially towards the reading and analysing of historical Dutch literature. They include several graded assignments in which the students learn to handle specific problems when reading Middle Dutch texts, assignments which learn them to work with the different instruments when studying historical literary

texts (a.o. dictionaries).

Initial competences

none

Final competences

- 1 To have a good knowledge of the Middle Dutch language: to be able to translate Middle Dutch texts by means of dictionaries and grammar manuals.
- 2 To apply knowledge of the medieval Dutch literary traditions (up to c. 1550) to the reading and analysis of texts and to the placing in a literary-historical and stylistic context.
- 3 To have insight into the nature and function of Middle Dutch literature.
- 4 To think analytically on (cultural)historical, literary theoretical and linguistic problems.
- 5 To have an eye for the relations between languages, literatures and cultures, including from a historical perspective.
- 6 To possess a strong awareness of language: appreciating the crucial role of language in human interaction and cultural production, and acting accordingly.
- 7 To be able to apply the already mastered language proficiency in Dutch in oral and written assignments
- 8 To show an attitude of intellectual curiosity and lifelong learning.

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

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

In the work seminars, it will be demonstrated how GAI can be used for the translation of medieval texts.

This course is based on responsible use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI).

During the series of classes, it will be explained what this entails.

The lectures are recorded. The recordings are available upon request for working students and for those students with special facilities (BST students) who have explicitly been granted access to the lecture recordings. The work seminars are not recorded.

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: /

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Type: Slides

Name: /

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Type: Reader

Name: /

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Type: Other

Name: G. Claassens (2018), Voorbeeldig en vermakelijk vertellen. Zeven Middelnederlandse verhalen . Leuven/Den

Haag: Acco

Indicative price: € 58

Optional: yes

Additional information: Some of the stories in this book should be read independently. However, purchase of the book is not compulsory: one can also borrow it from various libraries (including the faculty library).

References

None

Course content-related study coaching

The coaching is supplied by the lecturers.

Students are free to ask questions during lectures.

In the exercise classes there is permanent monitoring, both with regard to the preparation and the individual presentation of the exercises.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous 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

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Assessment form

Formal lecture and 3/4 of the exercises: written exam (periodical) concerning the topics and texts dealt with, according to the final competences.

1/4 of the exercises: assignment (non-periodical).

Calculation of the examination mark

The formal lecture and the exercises each count for 50% of the total. The non-periodical part of the exercises counts for 1/4 of the total of the exercises. Passing the entire course is only possible if the student passes both parts (formal lecture and exercises) separately. If the student passes mathematically for the whole, but does not obtain half of the total score of one of both parts, then he or she gets 9/20 as final score.

In the case of an unjustified absence or non-participation for (one of the parts of) the evaluation, the student will receive a non-deliberative final score (max. of 7/20). This goes for the periodical as well as for (the different parts of) the non-periodical assessment moments. If the student has a score of 75% for the assignment, this partial score can be transferred to the second examination period.

Nota bene: if a student violates the d/t-rules two times or more in the written parts (formal lecture and exercises) of the periodical evaluation, (s)he will lose 1 point for every mistake (s)he makes in the part concerned (formal lecture and/or exercises), with a maximum of 3 penalty point for every part. In the evaluation of the written parts of the non-periodical evaluation, content, style, spelling and the incorporating and correct reporting of the used sources will be taken into account.

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance (= exercises), a task is imposed in substitution after discussion with the lecturer
- 2 Acces to recordings of the lectures, on request
- 3 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 4 Feedback can be given during an appointment during and after office hours

Extra information:

Please contact the lecturer to make an agreement.

For more information contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and

Philosophy: [https://www.ugent.](https://www.ugent.be/lw/nl/student/studiestudentenbegeleiding/trajectbegeleiding.htm)

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