

Italian Literature: Historical Period (A005735)

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

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1) Italian Gent

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

Teaching languages

Italian

Keywords

Fourteenth-century Italian literature, Dante Alighieri, Divine Comedy

Position of the course

In this advanced course, the students will acquire the knowledge and skills needed to understand, analyse and explain Dante's Divine Comedy.

Contents

Introduction to Dante Alighieri (biography, literary oeuvre), general introduction to the Divine Comedy; literary analysis of selected canti, with specific attention to themes and topoi; allegory and symbolism; rhetorical and stylistic features; intertextuality (the rewriting of classical and Christian sources).
Oral and written advanced knowledge of the Italian language and the literary terminology in Italian.

Initial competences

To have completed the course Italian literature III or to have acquired the necessary linguistic and literary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 To be aware of the importance of Dante and the Divine Comedy for the development of Italian language, culture and literature.
- 2 To be able to interpret the Italian literary language of the Commedia.
- 3 To be able to interpret the Divine Comedy independently.
- 4 To be able to consult and use scientific sources on Dante, the Divine Comedy and the fourteenth-century literary tradition.

- 5 To have the abilities to solve literary problems with respect to specific aspects (themes, rhetoric, intertextuality...) of the Divine Comedy.
- 6 To be able to explain autonomously in Italian a literary question related to a particular passage of the Divine Comedy.
- 7 To be able to explain concepts (for example contrappasso) of the Divine Comedy.
- 8 Knowledge of Italian (B2).

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, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

Formal lecture: 10 class timeslots

Microteaching: 2 class timeslots

Seminar: 10 class timeslots

Guided self study: 2 class timeslots

This course unit does not provide lesson recordings.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Roberto Carnero, Giuseppe Iannacone, Il magnifico viaggio. Vol. 1. 9788809912182

Indicative price: € 26

Optional: no

References

References via Ufora

Course content-related study coaching

Possibility to ask questions before, after and during the lessons or by appointment:

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Tutoring by native speakers trainee of literature. Individual tutoring or in small groups to practice the language orally and to prepare the lessons/assignments

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Written assessment with open-ended questions

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

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Oral assessment, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Continuous assessment:

- Oral exam: presentation

End-of-term evaluation

- Written exam

Calculation of the examination mark

End-of-term evaluation: 14 points.

Continuous assessment: 6 points.

Language proficiency: correct use of the literary terminology and the Italian language will be assessed both during the non-periodic and periodic evaluation.

Language assessment count for 25% of each evaluation.

Students who fail or do not participate in the evaluation of one or more parts of the course can no longer pass for the whole of the course. If the average final score

would still be a figure of ten out of twenty or more, this will be reduced to the highest unsuccessful digit (= 9).

In the second examination period, students only have to redo the part of the exam that they did not pass in the first examination period (partial exemption).

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

1 Possible exemption from class attendance via alternative online learning path (substitute assignments)

2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year

3 Feedback: online or by appointment

For more information:

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