Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Course size
Credits 3.0  Study time 90 h  Contact hrs 30.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019
A (semester 2) Dutch  seminar 26.25 h
       microteaching 3.75 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
Brasic, Spomenka  LW21  staff member
Dikova-Milanova, Miglena  LW21  staff member
Geerardyn, Tilde  LW21  staff member
Moravcevic, Slobodanka  LW21  staff member
Petric Lasnik, Ivana  LW21  staff member
Saelman, Helena  LW21  staff member
Yudin, Aleksey  LW21  lecturer-in-charge
De Dobbeleer, Michel  LW21  co-lecturer
Dhooge, Ben  LW21  co-lecturer
Stern, Dieter  LW21  co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019
Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures 3

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
methodology, reporting, presenting, Slavic and East European Studies

Position of the course
This first of three methodological courses gives students knowledge of the main methods in research, and brings them various scientific skills.

Contents
After a brief overview of the important areas in East-European studies, students will learn the requirements and methods of the modern scientific research. The students develop these skills through tutorials on identifying and evaluating sources, academic writing and working with a style sheet, reporting and compilation of portfolios, formulating research questions (in abstracts), presenting short papers. The various assignments offer the opportunity to apply and develop the acquired skills.

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

Final competences
1 Have a thorough knowledge of the types of professional literature and the tools for research in the field of Slavic and Eastern European Studies.
2 Working with bibliographies and digital databases.
3 Detect, evaluate and list sources in a bibliography using a style sheet.
4 Report and create a portfolio.
5 Write an abstract with a methodologically motivated research question.
6 Use the acquired language knowledge receptively and productively.

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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
Microteaching, seminar, self-reliant study activities.

Extra information on the teaching methods
Seminar:
- tutorials explaining and illustrating the scientific skills.
Independent work:
- several shorter scholarly assignments (report, bibliography, portfolio);
- an abstract in Dutch in preparation for the bachelor's thesis;
- 2 abstracts in the target languages of 2 accessible scholarly essays.
Microteaching:
- presentation in Dutch linked to the abstract of the Bachelor thesis;
- 2 presentations in the target languages linked to the summaries of 2 accessible scholarly essays (also in the target languages).

Learning materials and price
Stylesheet and scientific illustrative material (examples of abstracts and the like) on Minerva.
Own learning material of the language lecturers
Lectures at the Department of Slavic and Eastern European Studies.

References

Course content-related study coaching
As the course is taught in the form of tutorials. The teachers can be consulted in relation to the parts provided by them.

Evaluation methods
continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Assignment, peer assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods
Non-periodical evaluation: 2 abstracts; different shorter written assignments (portfolio); presentation.

Calculation of the examination mark
Non-periodical evaluation: 100%
- 3 abstracts (abstract of the bachelor thesis in Dutch [20%] and 2 summaries of 2 articles in the target languages [10% + 10%]): 40%
- written assignments: 30%
- presentation (30%)
If a student does not participate in the evaluation of one or more parts, he/she can no longer pass the entire course. If the average final score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, this will be reduced to the highest unsuccessful grade (= 9/20).

Facilities for Working Students
Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance. The examination cannot be rescheduled.
Feedback can be given by email, telephone or during an appointment during office hours.

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