Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Environmental History (A001123)

Course

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
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lecturer-in-charge

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020
A (semester 1)
Dutch

Guided self-study
15.0 h

Lecture
30.0 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020
Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology
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A

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Environment, Ecology, history, environmental history

Position of the course
This course wants to give a survey of problems concerning the relation men-nature in history. How did man influence nature and vice versa, how did nature, throughout history, influence human society? Which sources are there and how should they be studied critically. The approach is a holistic interdisciplinary approach focusing on long term evolutions during the last 10000 years.

Contents
After an overview of the history of the discipline "environmental history", there will be dealt with several general topics of environmental history. For every topic, actual environmental problems are taken as a staring point to place them in their historical context and to confront them with the current debates.

Initial competences
To have an elementary global knowledge of history from prehistory to the contemporary times.
To have notions of ecology, gained in secondary school.
Students who take this course unit as part of a 'minor', are expected to get acquainted with the basic notions of the course.

Final competences
1 Have an advanced insight in the use of historical-ecological terminological framework for analyzing and evaluating new and complex ideas
2 Have the ability to critically assess environmental issues and contextualize them historically. To be familiar with the basic principles of the historical influence of mankind on nature and topsy-turvy.
3 Critical view about the importance of ther relation betwee mankind and nature in the society.

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

(Approved)
Guided self-study, lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods
Lectures with power point presentations as well as individual work based on syllabus and reader. When the number of students is restraint, personal work with regular feedback will become more important (after agreement with the students in forhand)

Learning materials and price
Reader compiled by prof. Erik Thoen. Cost (approx): c. 25 EUR

References

Course content-related study coaching
Contact hours with the professor; possible assistance of collaborators; feed back after the exams

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination, oral examination, participation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination, oral examination, participation

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Assessment form
The individual or collective group assignment has a value of 25% of the marks. The written exam based on the lectures, the syllabus and reader: 75% of the evaluation. One can only take part in the written exam when on has succeeded for the individual or group assignment. The mentioned percentages can be changed at the beginning of the academic year as result of deliberation with the students (e.g. in accordance with the number of students as well as their interests)
If the student prefers an oral exam and has good reasons for it, an oral exam is possible.

Calculation of the examination mark
Periodical (100%)

Facilities for Working Students
Facilities:
1 Student attendance during educational activities is required
2 Foreign students only can get permission not to attend the classes (personal contact with professor is required)
3 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year if there is a valuable reason.
4 Feedback can be given by email or during an appointment during and after office hours

Extra information:
Always contact the lecturer
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy

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