Introduction to Material Studies (A003316)

Valid as from the academic year 2016-2017

Course Specifications

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (semester 1) Dutch seminar: coached exercises 5.0 h
practicum 25.0 h
lecture 10.0 h

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

Credits 5.0 Study time 150 h Contact hrs 40.0 h

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology 5 A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Archaeology 5 A

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Materials, lithic artefacts, pottery, determination, characterisation, illustration

Position of the course
This introductory course is part of a series Practice, which aims at teaching students the techniques and methods of describing and illustrating archaeological material (lithics and ceramics).

Contents
This course consists of a few theoretical lessons (introductions) followed by practical exercises on lithics and ceramics

Initial competences
Accessible to all students, without specific previous knowledge

Final competences
1. To control the basic methods and techniques for analysing lithic artefacts and ceramics.
2. To make correct determinations of lithic artefacts and ceramics.
3. To make correct descriptions of lithic artefacts and ceramics.
4. To make correct assessments of different aspects of lithic artefacts and ceramics (lithic artefacts and ceramics technology, typology, raw materials, etc.).
5. To control the basic techniques for illustrating lithic artefacts and ceramics.

Conditions for credit contract
This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract
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Teaching methods
   Lecture, practicum, seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods
   Through small demonstrations (e.g. of knapping activities) and reference finds the students are introduced in the techniques and methods of analysing archaeological finds. Afterwards each student has to apply this knowledge by studying some artefacts under close supervision of the lecturer and his assistant.

Learning materials and price
   Powerpoint presentations and reference collection are available to the students. Total cost max. 0 EUR

References

Course content-related study coaching
   The practical exercises are supervised permanently.

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
   Participation, assignment

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

Extra information on the examination methods
   Practical exercises, consisting of an individual analysis of lithic artefacts and ceramics according to the standard methods and techniques for describing and illustrating. The results of this exercise must be discussed in different papers, which will be evaluated.

Calculation of the examination mark
   100% based on two submitted papers. 50% lithic analysis; 50% pottery analysis. The student needs to be successful for both papers.

Facilities for Working Students
   1. Student attendance during educational activities is required
   2. Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
   3. Alternative time for feedback
   For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy

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