Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

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

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<td>3.0</td>
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020
A (semester 2)  Dutch  seminar  26.25 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

- Brasic, Spomenka  LW21  staff member
- Dikova-Milanova, Miglena  LW21  staff member
- Geerardyn, Tilde  LW21  staff member
- Moravevic, 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 2019-2020

| Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures | 3 | A |

Teaching languages

- Dutch

Keywords

- methodology, reporting, Slavic and East European Studies, academic writing

Position of the course

This first of three methodological courses introduces students into the practice(s) of academic research, and teaches them various scholarly 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. Use the acquired language knowledge receptively and productively.

Conditions for credit contract

(Draft -- caution, this is not the final version)
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

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

Syllabus methodology.
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

Participation, 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%
response papers 10%
academic writing in the Slavic target languages 30%
research question 15%
other scientific assignments 30%
participation 15%

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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