

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	30.0 h	Q2
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This biannual learning is being organized in 2020-2021

Teacher(s)	Coulie Bernard ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	A study of the political, administrative and fiscal system of the Byzantine Empire, from the IVth to the XVth century. The course deals with the various dimensions of the history of the Byzantine State (political, administrative, fiscal, etc.). Particular attention will be paid to the written sources (legal documents, protocols and lists of precedences, literary texts).
Aims	<p>At the end of this course, the student will be capable of mastering the elements of the functioning of the Byzantine State. In order to achieve this, he will have mastered the various working tools, and will also be able to carry out a personal research on the Byzantine institutions.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.</p> <p>The exam is a reading of a Byzantine text (in translation): the student selects the life of an emperor in the Chronicle of Skylitzes (in translation) and is invited to identify the institutional elements referred to in the text. The details of the exam are presented during the first class.</p> <p>The exam can take place in French or in English.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.</p> <p>Lectures.</p>
Content	The Byzantine state developed a particular form of organisation. During the eleven centuries of its existence (330 AD to 1453 AD), it underwent profound modifications, starting out with a system akin to the Roman empire to arrive at a medieval system. The course will illustrate this evolution by a study of several themes, such as the role of the emperors, the administration of the territories, the financial and fiscal systems, etc. References to Byzantine sources will enable to better understand the daily functioning of the Byzantine state and to appreciate its characteristics and evolution.
Inline resources	Documentation is available to the student on the Moodle site of the course: course map, bibliography, texts of several chapters, documents.
Bibliography	Textes et matériaux fournis par l'enseignant / Texts and documents provided by the teacher.
Other infos	No prerequisite. Knowledge of Greek is not necessary for this course. English-friendly course : course taught in French but offering facilities in English.
Faculty or entity in charge	GLOR

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in History	HIST2M	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics	CLAS2M	5		
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		