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The History of Western Societies

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Teacher(s)	Desmette Philippe (coordinator) ;Liard Florence ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : The aim of the course is to introduce the students to Western history, with a focus on societies. The perspective adopted is a resolutely trans-period one: the class will focus on the evolution of Western societies in the long term, from ancient times to the present day. At the end of the class, the student will have to master the main chronological landmarks of western societies and be able to recontextualize these societies, but also to put into perspective the historical dynamics over the long time.
Evaluation methods	The oral exam is designed so as to assess the level of both general as well as specific knowledge of the student regarding the taught material. It consists of one open question with preparation time, and one specific question.
Teaching methods	In-person course supplemented with a diverse iconographical material, as well as powerpoint presentations that will be shared on the Moodle platform.
Content	The course is structured around cross-cultural topics such as power dynamics, religion, collective identities, etc. Each of these themes is explored through different case-studies pertaining to the various periods of the history of Western Societies, from Classical Antiquity to the present day. The students are also introduced to the methods ans aims of the critical assessment of iconographical sources.
Bibliography	Des éléments bibliographiques seront fournis au cours
Faculty or entity in charge	PHLB

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Bachelor in Philosophy	FILB1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters	ROMB1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Letters: German, Dutch and English	GERB1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in History	HISB1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in History (French - English)	HIAB1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGB1BA	5		٩	