

5.00 credits


30.0 h

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**This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2026-2027 !**

Language :	English
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	<b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b> Students will develop their capacity for in-depth historical analysis of political and social process and structures, using gender as one of their historical categories of analysis. They will apply this analysis to some of the major processes and structures that characterise Medieval and Renaissance Europe.
Evaluation methods	Oral examination (15 minutes, after 15 minutes of preparation), based on the issues discussed in class and in the additional readings.
Teaching methods	Face to face. The course will be based on the oral lectures by the teacher. PowerPoint slides are used and will be commented during class; the slides will be available on Moodle after the class. Additional readings of selected relevant materials are provided and may, if indicated so, be mandatory, in order to ensure further discussion in the classroom. A lecture handout containing the course outlines, a glossary and a bibliography will be available.
Content	The lectures deal with some major political, social and cultural issues in Medieval and Renaissance Europe. Issues include: gender and Renaissance as categories for historical analysis (J.W. Scott, J. Kelly Gadol); family, marriage and sexuality; the gender balance in urban society and politics; gender and the Church; patriarchy, networks, politics, war and government, female subjugation and subversion. The focus lies on France, England, the Holy Roman Empire and the Low Countries, but other parts of Europe, such as Italy, Spain or Scandinavia will also be dealt with.
Bibliography	A bibliography will be provided with the lecture handout. Une bibliographie est incluse dans le syllabus-cadre.
Other infos	The course is taught every odd year; it is taught during the second term of the academic year 2025-2026.
Faculty or entity in charge	PHLB

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in History (French - English)	HIAB1BA	5		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGB1BA	5		