




5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Gorris Elynn ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	Basic knowledge of ancient Near Eastern and Mesopotamian societies (course LARKE1553)
Main themes	The course considers in-depth questions and specific problems of interpretation related to the reconstruction of the ways of life and ways of thinking of ancient societies in the Ancient Near East, especially in ancient Iran. More specifically, it will discuss topics such as Median-Achaemenid capitals, Median-Achaemenid cult sites, Elamite archaeology, etc. In addition, the theme of the destruction of cultural heritage in the Near East will also be discussed.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Each student will create a poster on one aspect of the Philby-Ryckmans-Lippens expedition and present his/her poster during the international workshop mid-November (40% of credits). Written examen for the remaining modules of the course (60% of the credits). "Artificial intelligence (AI) should be used in a responsible manner and following ethical and scientific standards. These standards state that a source should always be mentioned, as such one should reference properly to AI as a data source. The use of AI for assignments, in which it is explicitly forbidden (e.g. as tool to produce an entire paper), will be considered as cheating."
Teaching methods	The course is divided into several modules, each focussing on a different theme (e.g. destruction of cultural heritage in the Middle East, Philby-Ryckmans-Lippens expedition, watercraft in the Persian Gulf, ...) and region of the Middle East.
Content	This course intends to deepen the students' archaeological knowledge of the Ancient Near East by discussing different themes ranging from cultural heritage preservation to maritime archaeology with a geographical focus on the Persian Gulf region.
Inline resources	https://archives.uclouvain.be/philby-ryckmans-lippens-expedition-project
Bibliography	En fonction du thème choisi, une bibliographie est communiquée pendant le cours.
Other infos	Course taught in French with facilities in English.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		
Master [120] in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE2M	5		
Master [60] in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE2M1	5		