

5.00 credits

22.5 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Somers Véronique ;
Language :	French > English-friendly
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	A historical and cultural introduction to the Byzantine world, from the foundation of Constantinople. The course deals with the main steps of the Byzantine millenium (IVth C. - 1453), focusing on the key-periods and dynasties, territorial evolution, etc
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 distinguish the main guidelines of Byzantine history and civilisation; 2 identify the characteristics of the Byzantine world; 3 use the main bibliographical tools.
Evaluation methods	For the exam, the student will write a short essay summarizing the course, in which he will highlight what are, according to him, the main characteristics of the Byzantine world, based on the classes and the suggested readings. The student can aks questions to the teacher at any classes in order to prepare his essay. The written essay will be orally defended during the exam session. Split of the points: written essay 75%; oral presentation 25%. Characteristics of the written essay: maximum 3 pages, in French, Dutch, English, German or Italian. The essay will be posted in pdf format on the Moodle site of the cours; the deadline will be announced in class. The essay will be submitted to a plagiarism analysis.
Teaching methods	Lectures are accompanied by ppt presentations.
Content	The course is devoted to the period from the foundation to the fall of Constantinople (330-1453): the main period of the Byzantine history, the role of the emperors, the structures of the Byzantine Empire, some main cultural and artistic productions (architecture, art, literature). The course also presents the main useful bibiographical references.
Inline resources	Documents will be made progressively available (bibliography, lecture plans, documentation) on the Moodle space of the course.
Bibliography	Une bibliographie sélective est donnée au cours.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in Oriental Studies (only available for reenrolment)	MINORI	5		
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		
Minor in Medieval Studies	MINMEDI	5		
Minor "Decentering History: Subalternities and postcolonial Studies"	MINDHIS	5		