■ UCLouvain

Historical Foundations of Western Civilisation : Antiquity

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Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Prerequisites	/ The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.				
Main themes	Two themes will be considered:				
	Real and fictitious fortified castles in the Middle Ages : As a symbol of the very period which witnessed their development, medieval castles are certainly informative about war and its evolution. That is why we will lay siege to those wooden or stone fortresses and take them by storm, with the help of sophisticated machines and cannons. For all that, we will not forget that castles were also an environment, the setting of Arthurian adventures and the ornaments of splendid miniatures at the end of the Middle Ages. Via Romantic writers and the 19th century as a whole, which contributed to its rehabilitation, the medieval castle still has a particular meaning in the collective unconscious, which we will have to call into question.				
	Travelling in the Middle Ages : The Middle Ages, most notably from the 11th century on, proved a remarkable era for travels and travellers. Whether continental or maritime, routes favoured faith (pilgrimages, flows of monks and mendicant friars), knowledge (quest for manuscripts, continuing coming and going of masters and students), trade (more and more globalised), discovery of the unknown: by expanding their horizons, and consequently ours, explorers reconciled novelty with their prolific imaginary world and thus made next generations want to go and find other wonders. The course will aim at giving an insight into the motivations, the means, the traits and the works of travellers during a curious and fertile period.				
Aims	 For each of the four periods, to master the chronology of the history of Western civilization and the main foundations of Western history. By examining some sources, to master how historical knowledge is developed. For each of the periods studied, to be able, starting from a "reading folder," to elucidate some of the major problems of historical research. 				
Evaluation methods	1				
Teaching methods	1				
Content	/				
Inline resources	1				
Bibliography					
Other infos	1				
Faculty or entity in charge	FIAL				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	3	LFIAL1150	٩	
Bachelor in History	HIST1BA	3		٩	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	3		٩	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Classics	CLAS1BA	3		٩	
Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE1BA	3		٩	
Minor in History	LHIST100I	3		٩	
	LANTI100I	3		٩	