Université catholique de Louvain

LROM1222

2010-2011

French Linguistics II : Historical Approach

5.0 credits

30.0 h + 15.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Francard Michel ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	Taking as its starting point the study of the phonetic system and morphology of contemporary French (see ROM1421), the course will examine the phenomena at play in the evolution of phonology and morphology from Latin, common Latin and Old French. In this way, the course will present the concepts and methods required for the description and analysis of these processes of evolution and will apply them to specific case studies.
Aims :	 By the end of this course, students should: have a good knowledge of the phenomena which have affected the development of the Latin phonetic system and the morphology towards modern French; have a sufficiently good knowledge of the phenomena which characterize Old French phonetics and morphology to enable them to work on the ancient texts; have a good knowledge of the main historical steps and the sociolinguistic context in which French developed be able to reflect on the main processes of the evolution of French and on linguistic change in general. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	The course will start with a general introduction focusing on the mechanisms of linguistic evolution, on the relation between linguistic variation and change, and one the methods of historical linguistics. The major phonetic changes from Latin to modern French will be studied, in a way to propose a first overview of the phenomena which characterised this evolution and to establish their chronology. Each of these phenomena will thereafter be studied in detail and applied to various examples, so that students will be able to follow a word's phonetic evolution from its Latin etymon to its current pronunciation. Tutorials give to students the opportunity to review central notions and to put into practice the mechanisms of phonetic evolution with precise examples.
Other infos :	Assessment : The assessment of the course is based on a written exam. Course material : A course website will be available through Icampus and will allow students to access information and documents related to the course (notably a copy of the powerpoint slideshow used during the course). Course holder : Tutorials will be given by Mme Stéphanie Kleinen.
Cycle and year of study :	 > Preparatory Year for Master in Modern Languages and Literatures: General > Preparatory Year for Master in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: General > Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures > Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures > Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General > Preparatory Year for Master in French and Romance Languages and Literatures > Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General > Preparotory Year for Master in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: French as a Second Language > Preparatory Year for Master in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures > Bachelor in Psychology and Education : Speech and Language Therapy
Faculty or entity in charge:	ROM