

LCLIG2240

2014-2015

Statistics for Linguistics

Teacher(s) :	François Thomas ;
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Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites :	One course of introduction to linguistics.
Main themes :	Data collection: descriptive and experimental methods, reliability and validity, sampling procedures. Descriptive statistics: definitions, graphical representation, numerical summaries. Using a statistical software Inferential statistics: main concepts. Basic statistical analyses and tests: frequency analysis (categorical data), testing hypotheses about means, correlation and regression, non parametric tests. Advanced statistical analyses and tests: interrater agreement measures, multivariate descriptive techniques, regression models for contingency tables, '.
Aims:	At the end of the course, the student will be able to use the main statistical tools and concepts of quantitative linguistics. He will be able to choose appropriate methods for specific research objectives and to use it in the framework of linguistic research. Most of all, the student will be able to make a critical review of the results obtained by a quantitative analysis. He will also be trained to use a statistical analysis software. 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".
Evaluation methods :	The evaluation is three-fold: - continuous assessment (exercices during TP and readings) (20 %) - written examination (30 %) - personal written project (with an oral presentation) (50 %)
Teaching methods:	Lectures + readings + practical works
Content :	The organization of the course is twofold: The first part of the course consists in a theoretical approach in the field of textual data statistical analysis introducing the main concepts in statistics (descriptive statistics, inference, and modeling). The second part of the course will provide a practical approach of the field. It will give the students the opportunity to practice what he/she has learned in the theoretical introduction through a personal research project covering real linguistic data.
Bibliography :	Field, A. (2013). Discovering statistics using IBM SPSS statistics. Sage. Howell, D. (2008). Méthodes statistiques en sciences humaines, Paris, De Boeck Université. Muller, Charles (1992). Initiation aux méthodes de la statistique linguistique, Champion. Rasinger, S.M. (2008). Quantitative Research in Linguistics. New York, Continuum International Publishing Group
Other infos :	Support: slides; articles ou book chapters; i-campus (web site with forum and exercises).
Cycle and year of study :	Master [120] in Linguistics Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: French as a Second Language Master [120] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures: General Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures: General Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies
Faculty or entity in charge:	LING