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Teacher(s) :	SOMEBODY ; den Heijer Johannes (coordinator) ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	The documents and bibliography can be obtained from the iCampus server.
Prerequisites :	None, but knowledge of another or several Semitic languages would be a big advantage
Main themes :	<p>An initiation into South-Semitic languages, especially Sabian and Ancient Arabic, as well as the history and culture of the Arabian peninsula in the pre-Islamic period, as well as the neighbouring regions (especially Ethiopia). According to the year, the course deals with the following themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sabian and an outline of other South Arabian languages such as Minaean (or Madhabian), Qatabanite, and Hadramotic; 2. Ancient Arabic and its inscriptions; 3. An initiation into Classical Ethiopian (ge'ez); 4. Sources for the history of Ancient Arabia and Ethiopia (inscriptions, literature, archaeology).
Aims :	<p>At the end of this course, the student will be able to decipher, transliterate and translate simple or average texts. To achieve this he will have mastered the alphabet, the different forms of writing and have acquired a basic vocabulary. He will, moreover, have mastered the the principal mechanisms of the language (syntax and morphology). He will also have acquired an outline knowledge of the principal challenges in research into Ancient Arabia and Ethiopia, in the fields of inscriptions philology and history.</p> <p><i>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".</i></p>
Evaluation methods :	Oral or written exam covering reading transliteration translation and grammatical analysis of a text.
Teaching methods :	The various elements of the language will exposed and explained with the aid of examples. These elements as well as a basic vocabulary will be acquired by means of texts and preparation by the student using the tools acquired (reference grammar, dictionary).
Content :	<p>This Chair, which is dedicated to the memory of two great pioneers of South-Semitic studies, Gonzague Ryckmans (1887-1969) and Jacques Ryckmans (1924-2005), has as its objective to provide courses on Sabian and other South-Arabic languages, as well as on Ancient Arabic inscriptions and on Classical Ethiopian (ge'ez).</p> <p>Sabian belongs to the South Semitic group. This language, in different forms, is that of a large number of inscriptions covering the period from the eighth century B.C to the fourth century A.D. The other languages, such Minaean (or Madhabian), Qatabanite, and Hadramotic are all derivatives, as well as the various Ethiopian languages such as ge'ez. As for the corpus of Ancient Arabic inscriptions, these are mostly in Lihyanite or Thamoudian.</p> <p>Studies in all these variants can be undertaken under the aegis of this Chair, with an approach that is both linguistic and philological, as well as developing the relevant historical and cultural contexts.</p>
Bibliography :	A bibliography will be supplied.
Other infos :	The theme will be clearly defined each year that the course is given.
Cycle and year of study :	<p>> Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies > Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies</p>
Faculty or entity in charge:	GLOR