UCL Université catholique de Louvain

LGERM2737

2015-2016

Dutch linguistics: Discourse and cognition

5.0 credits	15.0 h	1q	This biannual course is taught on years 2015-2016, 2017-2018, ...

Teacher(s) :	Degand Elisabeth ;
Language :	Néerlandais
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	/
Prerequisites :	/
Main themes :	Overview of different theories of coherence and cohesion, with a focus on relational coherence as a cognitive phenomenon. Introduction to psycho-experimental methods of investigation in the field of discourse processing.
Aims :	After succesfully completing this course, students * have an overview of the field of discourse studies and discourse processing, as well as of the leading questions in the field * can formulate specific research questions and operationalizations of research that contributes to the field * are able to relate research on language use and discourse representation to issues of optimal communication * have some hands-on experience with the design and analysis of a psycho-experimental discourse processing study *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 :	Essay on a topic connected with the course. Presentation of the results during a « class workshop » (25%), essay in article form (75%). Group exams (2 students) will be encouraged.
Teaching methods :	Research seminar, with group discussions of theory and experimental methods.
Content :	First, we investigate the way in which various languages express coherence. Detailed corpus studies - of languages like English, Dutch, German, French, Russian and Chinese - provide interesting information on cross-linguistic similarities and differences. Second, the cognitive part studies the way language users process and represent these discourse structures during on-line processing and comprehension experiments; this part includes basic training in the design and analysis of processing experiments.
Bibliography :	Portfolio available on i-campus
Other infos :	A course in linguistic statistics is recommended (LCLIG2240 or LFIAL2260).
Faculty or entity in charge:	LMOD

Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)

Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Letters : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M1	5	-	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Letters : General	ROGE2M	5	-	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Letters : General	ROGE2M1	5	-	
Master [120] in Linguistics	LING2M	5	-	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Letters : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M	5	-	