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German linguistics: cognitive theories of second language acquisition

In view of the health context linked to the spread of the coronavirus, the methods of organisation and evaluation of the learning units could be adapted in different situations; these possible new methods have been - or will be - communicated by the teachers to the students.

5 credits	30.0 h	Q1

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This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2019-2020!

Teacher(s)	Sabel Joachim;				
Language :	Deutsch				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	The study of different theoretical concepts with respect to second language acquisition exemplified with German as a second language.				
Aims	At the end of the course, the students should: • have developed knowledge of the principles and foundations of explanatory, cognitive linguistics. • have acquired central concepts of applied and theoretical linguistics. • have developed the ability to transfer theoretical linguistic knowledge of second language acquisition into the domain of language teaching. • have developed his ability in linguistic argumentation. • be able to present competently one of the topics of this course. 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	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. Presentation of one of the topics of the course and a written exam.				
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The course requires the student's active participation in discussions, in reading scientific texts. Furthermore, every student has to give a short presentation on "cognitive theories of second language acquisition" at the end of the course.				
Content	 Study of problems concering German grammar (syntax and morphology): Acquisition of word order in German. Study of problems concerning linguistic theory. The topics are: the idea of principles and parameters in grammatical theory; the nature of specific parameter settings in a language, parameterisation in synchrony and diachrony; parameters and (universal) principles in acquisition of first (native) and second language acquisition; differences between acquisition of German as native and as a second language; acquisition of verb positions in French and German (in first and second language acquisition); the critical period hypothesis; differences between grammatical principles (UG) and the language acquisition device (LAD); acquisition of foreign languages with respect to parameter setting, acquisition in terms of rules or by analogy. 				
Bibliography	V				
Other infos	Support. 1. scientific articles/chapters in books, 2. a written guideline " how to present a linguistic work ", 3. the students get aid with the workout of their presentations (content, structuring, ').				
Faculty or entity in charge	LMOD				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M	5		•		
Master [120] in Linguistics	LING2M	5		•		
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M	5		•		