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Natural language processing

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	22.5 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Fairon Cédrick ;Tack Anaïs (compensates Fairon Cédrick) ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	The course begins with the architectural study of a complex automatic language processing system (recognition, analysis, generation). It continues with the study of the central linguistic theories and computer formalities of ANLP. Special attention is given to the presentation and analysis of real applications.				
Aims	The course will teach students the basic theory necessary to understanding the current objectives and issues of the automatic natural language processing (ANPL). At the same time, students will learn to analyse and explain the practical and technical limits that arise in the elaboration of computer systems aimed at language processing (problems of ambiguity, necessity of linguistic resource adaptability, multilingualism, etc.). By the end of the course, students will have received an overview of the "state of the art" in ANLP, be able to take a critical approach to ANLP applications, and have a general knowledge of the main theories in the field.				
	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. - Two practical works to be carried out during the semester [6 points] - Written (or oral) examination focusing mainly on the course and, to a lesser extent, on important concepts from the required readings. [14 points]				
Content	The course is given in the form of an interactive lecture. A reader composed of specialized articles allows students to prepare for the lectures. Course Outline: The domain of NLP (naming, historical overview, levels of analysis) Coding and pre-processing Formal languages (regular expressions, FSA) Probabilistic language models (notions of probability, n-gram models) Lexical resources (electronic dictionaries, etc.) Lemmatization POS-tagging (rule-based approach, HMMs) Formal grammars (Chomsky's hierarchy, non-contextual grammars) Syntactic parsing (general principles, alternatives) Lexical semantics (thesaurus, ontologies, WordNet) Vector semantics (distributionalism, word embeddings)				
Other infos	English-friendly course: course taught in French but offering facilities in English.				
Faculty or entity in charge	FIAL				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Master [120] in Data Science : Statistic	DATS2M	5		Q.	
Master [120] in Linguistics	LING2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR2M	5		Q.	
Master [120] in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : French as a Foreign Language	FLE2M	5		٩	