

5.00 credits

30.0 h

Q1 or Q2


This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Teacher(s)	Hambye Philippe ;Simon Anne-Catherine ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None
Main themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human language as compared to other communication systems ; • Levels of linguistic analysis (phonetics-phonology, morphology, lexis, syntax and pragmatics); • Language universals and the variety of languages
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Course evaluation will be based on the report sent by the students at the latest during the last week of courses (S13)
Teaching methods	<p>In order to gain the credits associated to this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow at their own pace the MOOC available at https://www.coursera.org/learn/human-language • by the end of the term, send a short report on their learning achievements, identifying, for each chapter of the MOOC, (a) 3 concepts they've learned and for which they will propose a definition and explain why they consider them as important for the understanding of language (b) an concrete example / observation of language use they've found particularly illuminating or thought-provoking.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1 - Introduction to Linguistics: why do (almost) all human beings have a language, and what makes human language different from animal communication systems? • Week 2 - The study of sound: Phonology and Phonetics: In this module we will delve into what appear to be the smallest building blocks of spoken language: 'sounds'. • Week 3 - The study of words and sentences: Morphology and Syntax: In this module we will discuss words and sentences. • Week 4 - The study of meaning: Pragmatics and Semantics: This module deals with a topic which many of you find very interesting: meaning. How do we determine what a word means? To what extent does our language influence our thinking? • Week 5 - Language in the Brain: This module features all of the well-known parts of the current MOOC. • Week 6 - Language in the Society: In the previous modules we have dissected the structure of languages, but now we will study language in its real context: how does language change? How do people use language to be polite?
Inline resources	/
Bibliography	/
Other infos	/
Faculty or entity in charge	FIAL