



# Faculté de philosophie et lettres

## FLTR

### GERM1213 Initiation à la linguistique allemande, en particulier, phonologie, morphologie et syntaxe

[45h+10h exercises] 6 credits

This course is taught in the 1st and 2nd semester

**Teacher(s):** Joachim Sabel  
**Language:**  
**Level:** 1st cycle course

#### Aims

Acquisition of the foundations of German linguistics with respect to German phonetics/phonology, German morphology and German syntax. The most fundamental empirical generalizations from the three linguistic fields will be discussed and the theoretical instruments for explaining them within modern linguistic theory.

#### Main themes

Studies of basic concepts of grammatical theory and grammatical description with respect to German phonetics/phonology, morphology and syntax. The studies will be accompanied by exercises in linguistic argumentation.

The students begin to read literature on linguistics (phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax); and they begin to develop linguistic analyses and to evaluate linguistic argumentation with respect to phonetics/phonology, morphology, and syntax.

#### Content and teaching methods

Systematic analysis of aspects of contemporary German grammar.

**Phonetics/Phonology:** German consonants and German vowels, International phonetic alphabet for German (Transcriptions), phonemes, phonological rules of German, basic concepts of linear and non-linear phonology, rule ordering, syllables.

**Morphology:** Categories of words, morphemes, morphological processes (derivation, inflection, composition), lexical semantics.

**Syntax:** Constituent structure, Case in German, subcategorization, agreement, the three positions of the verb in German (verb-first, verb-second, verb-final), sentence structure (within Generalized Phrase Structure Grammar/X-Bar Theory), a generative theory of German sentence structure, the distribution of reflexives and pronouns.

**Teaching:** Lecture, Exercises in Class

#### Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisite : GERM 1113.

Evaluation : \* Partial (written) test in German, optional. The test will be written at the end of the first quadrimester (December).

\* General (written) test in German, obligatory. The test will be written in June and September.

A syllabus for this course (written in German) is available.

#### Other credits in programs

<b>GERM12</b>	Deuxième candidature en philosophie et lettres: langues et littératures germaniques	(6 credits)	
<b>GERM12/DB</b>	Deuxième candidature en philosophie et lettres : langues et littératures germaniques (Allemand et Anglais)	(6 credits)	Mandatory
<b>GERM12/DN</b>	Deuxième candidature en philosophie et lettres : langues et littératures germaniques (Allemand et Néerlandais)	(6 credits)	Mandatory