



Faculté de philosophie et lettres

FLTR

HIST1430

Heuristique générale

[15h+15h exercices] 3 credits

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Language: french
Level: 1st cycle course

Aims

By the end of this instruction, students will have been introduced to documentary research, keeping a twofold imperative in mind : that of analysing various aspects of a given problem, on the one hand; that of recourse to documentation providing acquaintance with the problem, on the other hand.

The course is intended to systematically develop in the student the dialectic between problem analysis and recourse to documentation.

Main themes

- Presentation and application of documentary research procedures (the problem, finding documentary resources and locating the documentation, material and intellectual treatment of the information).
- Presentation of the principal works of synthesis and working tools and introduction into handling them, situating them in the various historiographical currents, particularly repertoires of historical bibliography not limited to one period of history.
- Presentation of a typology of principal sources.

Content and teaching methods

Content :

- introduction to documentary research in history
- Definition of working tools useful in history (statements of questions, encyclopedias, bibliographies, data bases)
- Presentation of principal works of synthesis
- Presentation of a typology of principal historical sources.

Method :

The course is comprised of theoretical lectures, as well as exercises to be done individually or during organized exercise meetings.

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

Evaluation : The examination is oral. It involves a question bearing on a documentary procedure and an exercise in handling and research using the basic tools. Should he so desire, the student may prepare in advance a question related to a theme he chooses.

Teaching materials : Student notes.

A syllabus, giving the bibliographical references of essential works, is provided.

Teaching : Exercises (15 h) help the student master an approach to general heuristics.

Other credits in programs

GLIB21MS	Première année de master en sciences et technologies de l'information et de la communication, à finalité spécialisée	(3 credits)	
GLIB2MS	Master en sciences et technologies de l'information et de la communication, à finalité spécialisée	(3 credits)	
HIST11BA	Première année de bachelier en histoire	(3 credits)	Mandatory
HORI11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(2.5 credits)	Mandatory