

Faculty of Arts and Letters



FLTR1560 General linguistics

[30h] 3 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Teacher(s): Bart Defrancq
Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

The course seeks to familiarize the students with the tools of linguistic analysis by deepening their sensibilities to the problems linked to the evolution, variety, and dispersion of languages. It aims to give the students an essential know-how for the analysis of the language inherent to the discourses in the students' chosen field of study. Finally, the course gives the students an overview of the different strands of linguistic analysis and trains them to exercise their critical thought when faced with the methodological and epistemological aspects that characterize these different strands.

Main themes

Internal structure of the language.

Linguistic strands.

Key bibliographic information about general linguistics.

Internal structure of the language : linguistic branches and descriptive units: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse. Illustrations and application to Classical, Romance, and Germanic languages. Linguistic strands : relying on a diachronic perspective, the course reviews the main strands of modern linguistics. It brings out the main contributions in the construction of a scientific reflection about Language and languages. It shows their methodological implications through illustrations and applications to the analysis of Classical, Romance, and Germanic languages. Key bibliographic information about general linguistics : bibliographies, general works, Web sites, etc.

Content and teaching methods

The goal of the course is, on the one hand, to provide the essentials about the nature of human language, its origin, its extension and diversity, and, on the other hand, to give an overview of modern linguistic theory in order to shed light on how our current understanding of language is the result of different but complementary views. Special attention will be given to the methods which characterize each approach. The General Linguistics course will deal in particular with comparatism, Saussurean and American structuralism, generative grammar, cognitive grammar and functional grammar.

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

Nil.

Programmes in which this activity is taught

FIBI9CE

HORI2

Licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)

HORI2M1

Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales"

ROM2M1

Master en langues et littératures françaises et romanes, orientation générale

Other credits in programs

CLAS12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation classiques	(3 credits)	
CLAS21	Première licence en langues et littératures classiques	(3 credits)	
CLAS22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures classiques	(3 credits)	
EBIB9CE	Certificat universitaire en études bibliques	(3 credits)	Mandatory
GERM13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germaniques	(3 credits)	Mandatory
HORI12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(3 credits)	
HORI13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(3 credits)	
HORI21	Première licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)	(4 credits)	
HORI22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)	(4 credits)	
HORI2M1	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales"	(4 credits)	
ROGE13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation générale	(3 credits)	Mandatory
ROM21	Première licence en langues et littératures romanes	(3 credits)	
ROM22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures romanes	(3 credits)	
ROM2M1	Master en langues et littératures françaises et romanes, orientation générale	(3 credits)	
ROM2M1/LE	Master en langues et littératures françaises et romanes, orientation générale (option français langue étrangère ou seconde)	(3 credits)	
ROM2M1/LF	Master en langues et littératures françaises et romanes, orientation générale (option langues et littér. françaises ou romanes)	(3 credits)	