

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GERM1133 Dutch grammar

[30h+15h exercises] 3 credits

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

Teacher(s): Pierre Godin
Language: Dutch
Level: First cycle

Aims

This course aims to provide a basic knowledge of Dutch grammar (spelling, morphology and syntax)

Main themes

The main themes are syntax, morphology and (elementary) spelling rules

Content and teaching methods

(i) Content : the following two linguistic fields are covered in detail :

1. Syntax: 30 h.00 (this part of the course takes place during the first semester) : the basics of Dutch syntax are taught. This includes :
 - basic principles of Dutch word order (the two syntactic "poles" and the distribution of the phrases in between);
 - grammatical categories;
 - phrases ("zinsdelen"); nominal constituents ;
 - simple, compound and complex sentences;
 - syntactic and semantic functions and distribution;
 - the sentence as part of a greater unit (the theme-rheme distribution of elements according to their degrees of communicative importance is introduced).
 2. Morphology: the verb (main verbs, tense and modal auxiliaries), substantives (plural, diminutives), adjectives, pronouns, adverbials and pronominal adverbials
- NB. Basic rules of pronunciation (esp. voice assimilation) and spelling are also provided.

(ii) Method :

- 45 hours of lectures divided into two parts : syntax (30 h.00) and the remaining 15 hours are devoted to morphology and spelling problems.
- Systematic and personal study of the teaching material is coupled with interactive exercises on the web (<http://www.gramlink.com>)

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

Evaluation : Written exam (theory and practice).

Teaching (and learning) materials :

- P. Godin, P. Ostin, F.Degreef, 1993. La Pratique du néerlandais avec ou sans maître, SPILL 18, Peeters, Leuven
- A Dutch (and French version) of the syllabus is available for the students (see: <http://www.fltr.ucl.ac.be/fltr/germ/germ1133/germ1133.htm> and <http://www.ilv.ucl.ac.be/gramlink-nl/index.htm>)

Other credits in programs

GERM11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germaniques	(3 credits)
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