

## Faculty of Arts and Letters



### ROM1422 Diachronic approaches to French

[30h+15h exercises] 4.5 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

**Teacher(s):** Bart Defrancq (supplée Michel Francard), Michel Francard  
**Language:** French  
**Level:** First cycle

#### Aims

By the end of this course, students should have:

- revised the fundamentals of Latin phonetics and morphology, given that the object of the course is not the study of Latin in itself
- have a sufficiently good knowledge of the phenomena which characterize Old French phonetics and morphology to enable them to work on the ancient texts
- have a good knowledge of the phenomena which have affected the development of the phonetic system and the morphology of modern French

#### Main themes

- This course is one of a number, including ROM 1421 Synchronic Approaches to the French Language (first year course) and the syntax and lexicology courses given in the third and fourth years, which together aim to demonstrate a variety of approaches to the study of language.
- Taking as its starting point the phonetic system and morphology of modern French (a topic of this first year course), the course traces the phenomena at play in their development from Latin, common Latin and Old French.

#### Content and teaching methods

The aim of this course is to describe the phenomena affecting the development of Latin in the Gallo-Roman period, in particular the phonetic system and morphology. The main components of the course are:

- a revision of the fundamentals of Latin phonetics and morphology, given that the object of the course is not the study of Latin in itself
- detailed analysis of the chief characteristics of Old French, intended to give students easier access to the ancient texts
- in-depth analysis of the phenomena which have affected the development of the phonetic system and the morphology of modern French
- theoretical lectures and accompanying exercises

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

Course entry requirements: ROM 1421

Evaluation: Written examination

Course material: a range of documentation (available on the I-Campus website created to accompany the course) and works of reference.

**Other credits in programs**

<b>LAFR12BA</b>	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes et anciennes	(4.5 credits)	Mandatory
<b>ROGE12BA</b>	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation générale	(4.5 credits)	
<b>ROM12BA</b>	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures françaises et romanes, orientation générale	(4.5 credits)	Mandatory