

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GLOR1412 Introduction to Oriental Languages

[45h] 5 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

By the end of the course, students will have acquired a detailed overview of the full range of Oriental languages, enabling them to decide what to specialize in later on in the course

Main themes

In this course, students are given a historical and typological overview of a range of Oriental languages. Each language is studied individually, placed in its historical, geographic and socio-cultural context and defined through its structure and membership of a particular language family (eg Semitic or Indo-European). Attention will also be paid to the writing system particular to each language and to the specific issues raised by the language-writing relation.

Content and teaching methods

The course is divided into three parts:

1. Semitic languages: a general introduction to the Semitic language family; languages using the cuneiform writing system; Phoenician; Hebrew and Early Aramaic dialects; Syriac; Ethiopian and Arabic.
2. Indo-European languages: a general introduction to the Indo-European language family; Anatolian languages; Indo-Iranian and Tokharian languages; Sanskrit; Greek; Armenian and the Slavic languages.
3. Other languages: a general introduction to Oriental languages and language families which belong neither to the Semitic or Indo-European language families; languages using the cuneiform writing system; Egyptian and Coptic; Georgian.

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

Course entry requirements : none.

Evaluation : Evaluated and certified by an oral examination with members of the teaching team.

Other credits in programs

HORI11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(5 credits)	Mandatory
ROGE11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation générale	(5 credits)	