

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 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 at providing students with an essential know-how for the analysis of the languages in their respective curricula. Finally, the course gives the students an overview of the different approaches to linguistic analysis and shows them how to develop a critical attitude towards the methodological and epistemological aspects of these approaches.

Main themes

- Basic properties of human language, language development, linguistic genealogy and typology.
- Basic pretheoretical and theoretical approaches to linguistic analysis: European structuralism, American structuralism, generative-minimalist grammar, cognitive grammar, functional grammar. Opinions on the nature of human language and on the nature of the data to be used in linguistic analysis and basic analytical methods
- Exercises implementing the analytical methods involving a variety of European and non-European languages.

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.

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
GERM1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germanique	(3 credits)	
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)	
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)	
LING1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en linguistique	(3 credits)	
ROGE13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation générale	(3 credits)	Mandatory
ROGE1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en langues et littératures modernes, orientation générale	(3 credits)	
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)	
STIC1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en sciences et technologies de l'information et de la communication	(3 credits)	