

Faculty of Arts and Letters



ROM2507 Writing a scientific text in French

[7.5h+7.5h exercises] 1.5 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

Teacher(s): Francine Thyron
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

- Understanding of the working and structuring ways of written communication of a scientific knowledge (in French) ;
- Strengthening the French skills of the " romanist " students in the specific areas such as essay writing and presentation of a scientific text is concerned (to prepare for the writing of the paper of the end of studies).

Main themes

To start with there will be a master course (A), with an exemption test at the end (B)

A. The master course : 6 hours will clarify the principles and methodologies of scientific essay writing. We will especially focus on:

- the presentation of the conventions in force for the presentation of a scientific text ;
- the structuring and writing methods of this written genre.

Afterwards, the methodologies and skills required first to make a reliable and complete summary of some written scientific information and secondly to write a review of a scientific article read will be explained. The creation principles of this genre will be repeated : information and organisation analysis, spotting of the communication intention and of the enunciative system, change the enunciative point of view and rewriting adapted for the specific reader' scope...

B. The exemption test : at the end of 6 hours of course, the students will have to take an exemption test. This exam is to assess the summary writing skills of a scientific article or review of a text read, both meant to be published in a journal.

C. Exercises : the students who fail the exemption test will have to follow some training in small groups (15 to 20 students) ; this training will link theory to practice : it will give the students the possibility to make some exercises, in order to improve their skills in scientific essay writing.

Content and teaching methods

Contents :

- Presentation of the conventions in use when writing a scientific text.
- Methodology used to read a scientific article as part of the Roman studies.
- Writing principles of a reliable summary or review of a scientific article.

Method :

- Ex cathedra course.
- Exemption test.
- Exercises in groups of 15 to 20 students (for those who didn't get through the test).

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

Prerequisites : It is mandatory for the students, enrolled on the program of the Roman Studies, to follow this course in the 3rd year.

Evaluation : An exemption test will take place at the end of the course. For the students who fail, there will be a second written exam, at the end of the year. This second exam will assess the same skills as the first exemption test did. Passing this test is a prerequisite to give in the dissertation

Others : The ex cathedra course will be given by (a) ROM university professor(s). The exercises will be given by pedagogical associates.

Other credits in programs

ROM21	Première licence en langues et littératures romanes	(1.5 credits)	Mandatory
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