UCLouvain bgerm1230 2024 Gern

Germanic Studies work Methodology

5.00 credits

30.0 h

Q2

Teacher(s)	Fraipont Barbara ;Thewissen Jennifer ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : This course aims to familiarize students with the concepts and research methods used in literary and linguistic studies by zooming in specifically on Germanic languages. By the end of the course, students will be able to formulate a research question both in the areas of literature and linguistics, will be able to identify and describe key methodological points in relation to a specific research question and present the results in a written report using academic French.				
	At the end of the course, students should be able to identify and critically reflect on information sources. This is done via a rigorous scientific methodology which puts forward relevant and well-presented research hypotheses. In addition, students should be able to write an academic text and develop a scientific bibliography.				
Evaluation methods	Both the literature and linguistic sections of the exam count for 50% of the total score.				
	Linguistics section: oral exam during which students present the methods and results of the linguistic project they carried out. A Powerpoint presentation is used as visual support.				
	Literature section: oral exam on a previously submitted written work.				
	In order to pass the course, students must obtain 10/20 for both assessment modules (the paper in linguistics <u>and</u> literature). If students score lower than 10/20 on one of the papers, the final mark for the course will be the fail score. Students will need to rewrite the failed paper.				
Teaching methods	The course will be interactive and will include the reading of scientific papers, a critical reflection on the methods used in literary and linguistic studies. Individual tasks as well as project-based learning will also be part of the course.				
	The scientific approach (description of bibliographical tools, scientific resources, and methodological orientations) and the essential steps of scientific work (formulating hypotheses, identifying suitable research methods, arguments, and conclusions) take central stage in this course.				
Content	The course includes two specific modules, namely:				
	• Methods in linguistic studies: students are required to carry out a research project in a specific area of linguistics, describe it in a detailed written scientific report and defend it orally during the exam. They will be guided in their project by the lecturer and will be asked to read a number of scientific articles in the field so as to become familiar with the methods used and be able to replicate these in as much as this is feasible.				
	• Methods in literary studies: students will be introduced to the heuristic approach and to the different stages involved in writing a scientific text. They will then be taught to apply theoretical aspects via a series of practical exercises (such as case studies; library assignments; writing an abstract, a review, a scientific text based on a pre-defined research question).				
Bibliography	Supports mis à disposition des étudiants sur Moodle.				
Other infos	1				
Faculty or entity in charge	PHLB				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Letters: German, Dutch and English	GERB1BA	5		٩	