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Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course aims to develop the mastery of French grammar and orthography in their current standards. It trains professionals in the French language, who have both a technical mastery of the norm and a capacity for critical reflection on the creation, diffusion and development of this norm. The understanding and good use of reference works (grammars and dictionaries) are part of this learning process.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Master the standard spelling of a list of frequently used French words (5,000 to 6,000 words); 2 Outline the characteristic features of the French writing system and situate them within a historical and critical perspective; 3 Master the morphology of the verb and all the rules of agreement for verbs, nouns and adjectives; 4 Distinguish and name categories of words and identify through analysis what functions these categories are able to perform in simple sentences; 5 Analyse the constituent parts of complex sentences; 6 Understand and apply systematically the rules of prescriptive grammar; 7 Develop critical thinking on the norm and its application. <p>This learning unit contributes to the development and command of the following skills and learning outcomes of the ELAL programmes: 3.5; 6.4.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>The assessment takes the form of a questionnaire consisting of two series of questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Series 1 (basic questions): 40 questions worth 0.75 pts each (for a total of 30 pts). • Series 2 (advanced questions): 10 questions worth 2 points each (20 points in total). <p>For each questionnaire, the score is calculated as follows: If 80% of the answers in series 1 are correct, the mark for the questionnaire is calculated by adding the points obtained for series 1 and 2. Below the threshold of 80% correct answers for series 1, the student receives a fail mark (7/20) for that session. The arrangements are identical to those for the January, June and August sessions.</p>
Teaching methods	Lecture (including Wooclap exercices) and exercice sessions.
Content	<p>The course aims to help students acquire the rules of French lexical and grammatical spelling, the ability to identify the grammatical categories of words in use and to analyse the functions of syntactic groups in simple and complex sentences. This learning is also based on the consultation of reference grammars of French.</p> <p>The course will focus in particular on the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lexical spelling: rules of the 1990 rectified spelling, double consonants, historical consonants, plurals of compound nouns, etc. - grammatical categories (definition, use): noun, determiner, adjective, adverb, pronoun, verb, preposition, conjunction, interjection (word-phrase), introducer - rules of agreement in the group and in the sentence - definitions of the sentence - functions in simple and complex sentences (including subordinate clauses)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - typography (capitals) and punctuation - development of a reflective approach in relation to the norm, grammatical terminology and reference grammars
Inline resources	Moodle
Bibliography	<p>Ouvrages de référence (à consulter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABEILLE, A. & D. GODARD. 2021. <i>Grande grammaire du français</i>. Paris-Arles: Actes Sud, Imprimerie Nationale. (disponible en ligne via le site des bibliothèques) • <i>Encyclopédie grammaticale du français</i>: http://www.encyclogram.fr/util/accueil.php (encyclopédie en ligne) • GREVISSE, M., GOOSSE, A. <i>Le bon usage. Grammaire française</i>, Bruxelles, De Boeck-Duculot, 2016.
Other infos	N/A
Faculty or entity in charge	ELAL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in French Studies (only available for reenrolment and ELAL Bachelor transitional programmes)	MINFRAN	5		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	GERM1BA	5		
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	5		
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General	ROM1BA	5		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5		