UCLouvain

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2024

History of the French language

5.00 credits	37.5 h + 7.5 h	Q2

Teacher(s)	Hambye Philippe ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	This course has the following objectives: • To present the main stages in the evolution of the status of French in history, in order to understand the socio-political factors that have guided this evolution and the influence they have exerted on the norms of French; • To describe the main linguistic (and especially phonological) changes in the evolution of Latin to French, explain the mechanisms behind them and show how they shed light on certain characteristics of present-day French; • Explain and question the methods used to produce knowledge in historical linguistics.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: 1 Demonstrate knowledge about the historical evolution of the status of French and explain its importance for the understanding of this language's particularities; 2 Present-day French, and explain the mechanisms behind this evolution; 3 Understand the graphic forms of Old or Middle French texts; 4 Understand and use the concepts and methods of historical linguistics; 5 Situate French in relation to other Romance languages from a genetic and typological point of view. This learning unit contributes to the development and command of the following skills and learning outcomes of the ELAL programmes: 1.4, 1.6, 2.6.				
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		Q	
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	5		۹,	
Minor in Linguistics (only available for reenrolment)	MINLING	5		Q.	
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General	ROM1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5		٩	