

5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2024-2025

Teacher(s)	Tavernier Jan ;
Language :	French > English-friendly
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	A good knowledge of Sanskrit is recommended.
Main themes	This course covers the linguistic and philological study of Old Persian, by examining: 1. The place of Iranian in the Indo-European family; 2. The place of Old Persian in the Iranian family; 3. Script, phonetics, morphology (word formation and inflexion); 4. Syntax structures are studied while reading texts.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 At the end of this course, the student will be capable of reading and interpreting for himself Achaemenid inscriptions. In order to do this, he will have acquired the bases of the Old Persian grammar and vocabulary.
Evaluation methods	Oral exam
Teaching methods	The course alternates: 1° lectures devoted to grammar and the philological study of the texts; 2° reading and analysis of texts prepared by the students.
Content	As a representative of Old Iranian, Old Persian is attested by epigraphical texts in cuneiform script, dating from the 6th to the 4th century B.C. The lectures examine the different chapters of the descriptive grammar and offer an insight into historical grammar. The course is completed by the reading of inscriptional texts.
Inline resources	https://www.livius.org/sources/content/achaemenid-royal-inscriptions/
Bibliography	Un syllabus est fourni aux étudiants. Ouvrages de référence : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.C. Benvenuto & F. Pompeo, <i>La lingua degli antichi Persiani</i>, Milano, 2022. • M. Brust, <i>Historische Laut- und Formenlehre des Altpersischen. Mit einem etymologischen Glossar</i>, Innsbruck 2018. • L. Isebaert & J. Tavernier, "Le vieux perse", <i>Res Antiquae</i> 9 (2012), p. 299-346. • P. Lecoq, <i>Les inscriptions de la Perse achéménide</i>, Paris, Gallimard, 1997. • R. Schmitt, <i>Die altpersischen Inschriften der Achaimeniden. Editio minor mit deutschen Übersetzung</i>, Wiesbaden, Reichert, 2023. • R. Schmitt, <i>Wörterbuch der altpersischen Königsinschriften</i>, Wiesbaden, Reichert, 2014. • P.O. Skjaervø, <i>An Introduction to Old Persian</i>, version électronique, Harvard 2002 (http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~iranian/OldPersian/opcomplete.pdf).
Other infos	English-friendly course : course taught in French but with facilities in English.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		