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Dutch: Linguistics and practical exercises I

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Language :	Dutch
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: Dutch linguistics: Theory The course introduces students to the main basic concepts concerning (1) the phonetics and phonology of Dutch, (2) the lexical classes and the word groups of Dutch, and (3) the syntax of Dutch (cf. sentence structure). The students have to be able to define these basic concepts, to illustrate them with concrete examples, and to perform application exercises. Dutch: Practical exercises To help students to achieve a strong command of written and oral Dutch (the level is equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level B2). Students have to be able to recognise and make appropriate use of the syntactic and lexical specificities of the Dutch language addressed in the course.
Evaluation methods	The weighting between the linguistics course and the practical exercises is 60/40. For both parts (i.e. the linguistics course and the practical exercises), the weighting between January and June is 50/50. The participation during the exercise sessions will be taken into account in the overall mark for the course. Assessment is continuous (tests, assignments, participation, etc.) and certificate-based (oral and written examinations). Certificate examinations in session: Dutch Linguistics: Theory The assessment consists of an oral exam in January and an oral exam in June. The exams include several types of theoretical and empirical questions (reproduction, comprehension, application, etc.). Dutch: Practical exercises The assessment consists of a written exam in January and in June. Any changes to the assessment methods due to external circumstances will be communicated by the teachers and via Moodle. Use of generative artificial intelligence (or any other online tool, e.g. translators, spelling and grammar checkers,) a) Linguistics course If the student chooses to use one or more Als (or any other online tool), they must systematically indicate all the parts in which these tools were used, e.g. in footnotes. The student should specify whether the Al was used to search for information, to write the text, or to improve or correct it. The student should also mention which Al (or other online tool) was used (ChatGPT, Bing, Bard, Chatsonic, DeepL, etc.) and the date on which it was used. Information sources must be systematically cited in accordance with bibliographic referencing standards. The student remains responsible for the content of their work, regardless of the sources used. In order to ensure that the student's written work is personal, criteria such as originality, critical thinking, creativity and illustration with examples (e.g. from their own experience) will be taken into account. Any behavior on the part of the student that prevents or attempts to prevent, in whole or in part, the co

Teaching methods	The teaching unit BGERM1141 – Nederlandse taalkunde: Theorie en grammaticale analyse consists of two parts: (1) the linguistics course and (2) the practical exercises.		
	Dutch linguistics: Theory		
	Interactive lectures, implying active participation of the students, accompanied by numerous exercises (reproduction, comprehension, and application exercises).		
	Dutch: Practical exercises		
	The course is based on interactive exercises that require the active participation of the students.		
	Students are regularly asked to prepare exercises at home before coming to class, in order to allow for a good progress of the course.		
	Any modification to the lesson plan (contents, calendar, etc.) will be communicated via Moodle.		
Content	Dutch linguistics: Theory		
	The course covers three main topics.		
	1) First, the course offers an introduction to the main basic notions of Dutch phonetics (phonetic transcription, distinctive features of vowels and consonants) and Dutch phonology (assimilation, "final devoicing",).		
	1) Secondly, the course offers a systematic study of the lexical classes (nouns, verbs, etc.) by applying them to Dutch, and of the structure of word groups: (elements constituting) the verbal group, the nominal group,		
	3) Finally, in addition to an introduction to the basic concepts of syntax (phrases, constituents, syntactic functions), the third module of the course covers the topic of Dutch sentence structure.		
	Dutch: Practical exercises		
	o Grammar:		
	Revision of the basic grammar rules of Dutch, using the textbook 'De Regels van het Nederlands', and exercises putting into practice the theoretical notions acquired in the course Dutch Linguistics I (lexical classes, grammar, syntax).		
	o Vocabulary:		
	Contrastive study of important differences between Dutch and French, use of Dutch prepositions, and so on.		
	o Written expression:		
	Writing exercises: summaries, structure of texts (skimming and scanning) based on a diagram, formal and informal texts and e-mails, description exercises, and so on.		
	o Pronunciation (assimilation).		
	o Oral expression:		
	Spontaneous conversation exercises in the form of debates, role plays, and other creative exercises; home-prepared presentations on cultural and linguistic topics.		
Inline resources	Moodle page for the course		
50.0	Hiligsmann, Degrave, Van Goethem & Rasier, 100 fautes. De Boeck, 3e édition, 2023.		
Bibliography	Florijn, Arjen e.a., De Regels van het Nederlands, Wolters-Noordhoff, Groningen / Houten, 2009.		
	Florijn, Arjen e.a., De Regels van het Nederlands (Werkboek), Noordhoff Uitgevers, Groningen / Houten 2004.		
	+ Voir le syllabus pour la liste bibliographique complète.		
	+ Documents supplémentaires sur Moodle.		
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		•			