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Specific syntactic and semantic aspects of German

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5.00 credits	15.0 h	Q1

Language :	Deutsch		
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve		
Prerequisites	Introduction to German linguistics.		
Main themes	Study of German linguistics, in particular syntactical and semantic issues.		
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: 1 Have developed a knowledge of specific syntactic and semantic phenomena in German.		
	 Have developed a knowledge in theoretical and applied linguistics. Be able to present competently one of the topics of this course. 		
Evaluation methods	The evaluation is based on work (oral presentation) done during the course. The student's ability to solve problems similar to those covered in the course and the application work will be evaluated.		
Teaching methods	Students will receive a syllabus written in German, including important working techniques and linguistic argumentation strategies. They will be provided with a bibliography on the course topics, relevant specialist publications as well as lists of examples and exercises. The structuring and development of the application work will be done in consultation with the students.		
Content	At the beginning of the course we will introduce the basic concepts of syntactic analysis. Then, we will describe central problems of German syntax and semantics and we will try to give syntactic explanations for these phenomena. The phenomena that will be discussed are: the Passive Construction, empty Subjects and Expletives, the Double Object Construction, the Distribution of Reflexives, Reciprocals, and Pronouns, Wh-questions, Coordination Phenomena, Causative and other Infinitival Constructions, Discontinuous Constituents, Extraposition, Extraction-Islands, the Free Word Order Phenomenon and the Analysis of (In-)Definiteness and Theme/Rheme.		
Faculty or entity in charge	ELAL		

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M1	5		٩	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M1	5		٩	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M	5		٩	