UCLouvain

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2026

Introduction to Indo-European Comparative Studies

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2

This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2026-2027 !

Language :	French > English-friendly
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None
Main themes	Historical, encyclopaedic and methodological introduction to the comparative approach to Indo-European languages: · history of the discipline, principles and limits of the comparative method; · definition and overview of the major language families; · presentation of the theories and principles of typology, dialectology, areal or genetic comparison, reconstruction and evolution of languages, phonetics/phonology, morphology, semantics and syntax, applied to Indo- European languages.
Learning outcomes	**At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :** 1. Develop an overview of ancient and modern Indo-European languages: geographical distribution, sources, and connections between the various families; 2. Understanding the history of a discipline: stages in the development of historical linguistics; 3. Develop linguistic reasoning based on data.
Evaluation methods	Written examination
Teaching methods	Lectures
Content	The class will be comprised of two parts: · introduction to diachronic and comparative linguistics (history, methods, case studies, limits); · presentation of the individual branches of the Indo-European language family.
Inline resources	The online working tools related to the course are provided to the students directly or via Moodle.
Other infos	Facilities also offered in Spanish and German.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)

Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Classics	CLAS1BA	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 Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General	ROM1BA	5		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5		
Minor "Decentering History: Subalternities and postcolonial Studies"	MINDHIS	5		