

5.00 credits

30.0 h

Q1 and Q2

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

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None
Main themes	Teaching of Syriac language (late Aramaic) The course teaches the morphology and grammar of Syriac, that is the Aramaic language of Christians in the Middle East (from 2nd c. up to pre-modern times). It gives an overview about the main writing systems of Syriac (estrangelo, serto, syro-oriental) and the use of the basic lexical and grammar tools. At the end of the course, students will read easy and fully vocalized texts. Students have to do exercises for each course (translating, reading and grammatical analysis).
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 has learned the main grammatical features of the Syriac language; 2 has received a basic introduction to Syriac literature; 3 will be able to analyse, read and translate simple texts and knows how to use the tools.
Evaluation methods	There will be an oral examination at the end of each semester. The student has to prepare a text studied in the class and provide a translation with grammatical explanations.
Teaching methods	Students must prepare exercises, which will be reviewed and commented. The portfolio of exercises and other materials are available in Moodle (registration required).
Content	Teaching of Syriac language (late Aramaic) The course teaches the morphology and grammar of Syriac, that is the Aramaic language of Christians in the Middle East (from 2nd c. up to pre-modern times). It gives an overview about the main writing systems of Syriac (estrangelo, serto, syro-oriental) and the use of the basic lexical and grammar tools. At the end of the course, students will read easy and fully vocalized texts. Students have to do exercises for each course (translating, reading and grammatical analysis).
Bibliography	Cf. la documentation sur Moodle • S. Brock et al. (ed.), <i>The Hidden Pearl. The Syrian Orthodox Church and its Ancient Aramaic Heritage</i>, vol. I et II, Roma 2001 • J.F. Healey, <i>Leshono Suryoyo</i>. First Studies in Syriac, Piscataway 2005; • L. Costaz, <i>Grammaire Syriaque</i>, Beyrouth 1952 (réimpr. 1964); • J. Payne Smith, <i>A Compendious Syriac Dictionary</i>, Oxford 1903 (plusieurs éditions online)
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in Oriental Studies (only available for reenrolment)	MINORI	5		
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		
Minor in Medieval Studies	MINMEDI	5		