


This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Tavernier Jan ;
Language :	French > English-friendly
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	LGLOR1611/1611A and 1612/1612A
Main themes	In-depth study of the Hittite language and/or introduction to the Luwian and Lycian languages.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to translate a cuneiform text and to make intelligent use of the dictionaries, grammars, and sign lists; 2 read and translate basic texts in Luwian or Lycian.
Evaluation methods	Written exam (transliteration, analysis and translation of two Hittite, Luwian or Lycian texts).
Teaching methods	<p>The selected texts are prepared by the students and the translations are discussed during the course, in order to reach a valid translation and a good understanding of the text.</p> <p>For Luwian and Lycian, there is first a short grammatical introduction, given by the teacher.</p>
Content	<p>The course enables the student to deepen and widen his knowledge and experiences acquired at bachelor level. According to the year, the texts studied, for example, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extracts of Hittite epics or myths (the myth of Telipinu) • Hittite rituals • Hittite treaties and edicts • Etc. <p>Next to that, there is also the possibility to have an introduction into the grammar of the Luwian and and/or Lycian languages and to read some basic texts drafted in these languages.</p> <p>The course gives the necessary philological complement to any student who is interested in Asia Minor and Syria from the 2nd Millennium to the Roman period.</p> <p>Luwian is an Indo-European sister language of Hittite, written in both cuneiform and a glyphic script, attested both on clay tablets and monuments. The course deals with inscriptions coming from northern Syria (Carchemish) and Turkey (Malatya) as well as with Luwian passages in Hittite texts.</p> <p>Lycian too is an Anatolian language and is very close to Luwian. Inscriptions in this language were drafted in the 5th and 4th centuries BC (Achaemenid period).</p>
Inline resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/HPM/hethportlinks.html - http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs/catalog/chd/ (Hittite dictionary) - http://luwian.web-corpora.net/
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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		