

5.00 credits

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Mathys Audrey ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	Thorough knowledge of at least one ancient Indo-European language (Greek, Latin, Sanskrit, Hittite).
Main themes	An introduction to historic and comparative linguistics, as applied to Indo-European. This course deals with the following themes: 1. The history of the comparative study of the Indo-European languages; 2. The principals and methods of genetic comparison; 3. The phonological system of proto-Indo-European; 4. Accenting and vocalic alternation; 5. Word structure (root, suffix, ending); 6. Nominal and verbal morphology.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : At the end of this course, the student will be familiar with the objectives and methods of linguistic comparison (especially as concerns the reconstruction of proto-languages), the theoretical basis of diachronic linguistics and the major results of the comparative grammar of Indo-European languages (in the domains of phonology, morphology and etymology). 1
Evaluation methods	Oral or written exam.
Teaching methods	Lectures on the theory alternating with practical applications (exercises in reconstruction and etymology).
Content	A survey of the Indo-European languages and subgroups. Definition of the theory of genetic affinity. Procedures and objectives of linguistic reconstruction. Reconstruction of proto-Indo-European: phonological system (including the theory of glottals), morpho-phonological system (accent and apophony) and the morphological system (word structure).
Inline resources	A syllabus and numerous electronic resources are available on Moodle.
Bibliography	- E. Tichy, <i>A Survey of Proto-Indo-European</i>, Bremen, 2006. - J. Clackson, <i>Indo-European Linguistics: an Introduction</i>, Cambridge, 2007. - M. Fritz, M. Meier-Brügger, <i>Indogermanische Sprachwissenschaft</i>, Berlin, 10e éd., 2021. - B.W. Fortson IV, <i>Indo-European Language and Culture: an Introduction</i>, Oxford, 2e éd., 2010.
Other infos	/
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 [120] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR2M	5		
Certificat universitaire en langue, littérature et civilisation latines	ELAT9CE	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Classics	CLAS2M1	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics	CLAS2M	5		