

Course Specifications

Valid in the academic year 2016-2017

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits 5.0 Study time 150 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2016-2017

A (semester 1) English lecture 30.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2016-2017

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Offered in the following programmes in 2016-2017

	crdts	offering
Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature	5	A
Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature	5	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

The oldest documented Germanic language

Position of the course

A first introduction to Gothic

Contents

After an introduction into the (cultural-)historical background, the course focuses on the Gothic language and the linguistic analysis thereof. The Gothic texts, among which the famous Bible translation by Ulfila, are the oldest extant texts in any Germanic language. Gothic is therefore of eminent importance for the study of other older Germanic languages.

Initial competences

None

Final competences

- 1 To interpret the linguistic feature of the Gothic language using linguistics methods and terminology
- 2 To describe the history of the language and the text types of Gothic
- 3 To place the linguistic features of Gothic within the context of the other Germanic (and Indo-European) languages
- 4 To understand and contextualize texts not discussed during the course concerning their historical context and transmission

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture, seminar: coached exercises

Learning materials and price

Handouts and texts to work on (via Minerva)
Additional texts, and scientific articles/book chapters will be provided through Minerva

References

Course content-related study coaching

 Consultation hours

Evaluation methods

 end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

 Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

 Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

 not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

 written exam (translation of a text, transcription, grammar etc.)

Calculation of the examination mark

 100% written exam

Facilities for Working Students

1. Students can be excused from attending lectures.
 2. Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
 3. Alternative time for feedback is possible
- For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy