

Language Variation and Change (A001770)

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

Credits 6.0 Study time 180 h Contact hrs 60.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 1)	English	guided self-study	15.0 h
		seminar	45.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Bouzouita, Miriam	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
N., N.		co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

	crdts	offering
Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature	6	A
Master of Arts in Advanced Studies in Linguistics (main subject Linguistics in a Comparative Perspective)	6	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

variational linguistics, dialectology, sociolinguistics, contact linguistics, grammaticalization, language change.

Position of the course

The course aims at providing students with a sound understanding of:

- the relation between language variation and the language system, with examples taken from different languages.
- language variation as a mirror of language change.
- theories, models and methods concerning the analysis of spatial and social variation and diachronic change.

Contents

This course deals with language variation and change: e.g. grammaticalization, degrammaticalization, different types of variation: diatopic, diachronic, diastratic variation, etc.

Initial competences

Master in a linguistic discipline or other certificate which guarantees a sufficient scientific foreknowledge in linguistics.

Final competences

- 1 To have a thorough insight into the structure of language variation and language change.
- 2 To be able to apply both theories and methodologies to new research designs.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, seminar

Learning materials and price

A selected bibliography : book – copies of maps and charts which will be shown and discussed during classes. Cost: 30 €

References

Course content-related study coaching

Evaluation methods

continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Paper (report on literature). A second chance is possible.

Calculation of the examination mark

Paper: 100%.

Facilities for Working Students

The student has to report on a set list of literature and has to write a paper.

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy