

Linguistic Research: East Asian Languages (A002936)

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

Credits	5.0	Study time	150 h	Contact hrs	40.0 h
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 2)	English	seminar: coached	15.0 h
		exercises	
		group work	5.0 h
		lecture	20.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Burdorf, Suzanne	LW21	staff member
Anderl, Christoph	LW21	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

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Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China (China Track))	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China (UGent Track))	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan)	5	A
Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures	5	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Linguistic research, East Asia

Position of the course

This advanced course discusses the methodology of the study of language families, language typology, the development of Chinese dialects, a comparative approach to the developments of East Asian writing systems, manuscript studies, and East Asian linguistics, including historical linguistics and phonology (modern and historical) as well as the impact of language contacts on the development of East Asian languages. The focus is on Chinese.

Contents

In intensive thematic lessons several topics are discussed on the basis of scholarly research: East Asian linguistics, language families, East Asian languages and dialects, language typology, East Asian writing systems, phonology, hand-written manuscripts, historical lexicography, and historical linguistics. The focus is on Chinese.

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course Modern Chinese IV and Classical Chinese IV or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.
To have good knowledge of English.

Final competences

- 1 To be able to indicate linguistically and geographically the languages and dialects of China.
- 2 To be able to place Chinese in a broader linguistic context.
- 3 To have a good knowledge of the methodology of linguistic research of Chinese.
- 4 To have a good knowledge of the methodology of the study of language families, East Asian languages and dialects, language typology, East Asian writing systems, phonology and historical linguistics.

- 5 To have a basic knowledge of Chinese manuscript studies.
- 6 To be able to use scholarly linguistic literature.
- 7 To be able to start more detailed linguistic research.

Conditions for credit contract

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

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, lecture, seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

After the methodological data have been explained by the teacher, they will be interactively analysed and discussed.

Learning materials and price

Minerva documents.

References

References will be provided in class.

Suggested reading:

Norman, J., Chinese, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988.

Course content-related study coaching

Discussions in class provide a constant feedback.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

Written examination with open questions

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

Written examination with open questions

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Portfolio

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Assessment method:

Periodical: written examination (80%)

Non-periodical assignment (20%)

Assessment form:

Written exam: There is a written examination, counting for 80% of the final mark. The focus lies on the knowledge of the methodology of linguistic research of Chinese, and of the methodology of the study of language families, East Asian languages and dialects, language typology, East Asian writing systems, phonology (historical and modern), aspects of language contact, historical lexicography, historical linguistics, and manuscript studies.

Assignment: In-class assignments count for 20% of the final mark and consist of various exercises.

Calculation of the examination mark

The written examination counts for 80% and the non-periodical assignment for 20% of the final mark.

Facilities for Working Students

1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
 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