# Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

## French: Area Studies (A703326)

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<td>Contact hrs</td>
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**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020**

- **A (semester 1)**
  - **Dutch, French**
  - Lecture: 30.0 h
  - Guided self-study: 15.0 h

**Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020**

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<tr>
<th>Spiessens, Annelien</th>
<th>LW22</th>
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**Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020**

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**Teaching languages**

- Dutch, French

**Keywords**

- French; Area studies

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Position of the course

Obtaining a master’s degree in French implies developing a thorough knowledge and understanding of French culture and civilization. The unit of study “French: area studies” (F4MO) aims to improve students’ understanding of contemporary French society. It intends to foster an insight into political and social structures, and to expose their underlying patterns of thought, which either underpin or criticize established society. The student should learn to situate socio-political developments in France within the broader intercultural framework of European civilization, from the era of the Enlightenment to the current globalized world. Students are introduced to (French) texts of prominent significance that had a decisive influence on western civilization. Students should be able to situate these texts in a cultural-historical perspective, to point out their value and relevance, to give a concise summary of their contents and to discuss their topicality. The course can also be interpreted as an attempt to interpret the complexity of the modern world from a diachronic, intercultural perspective. Exchange students may take up this course unit, for which no prior knowledge of Dutch is required.

Contents

Classes of “French: area studies” (F4MO) focus on an in-depth discussion of topics that have had a lasting impact on French mentality and thinking or that are typically linked to contemporary society. The discussion mainly involves the period between the Enlightenment and that of modern-day France. The topics that are addressed illustrate the fundamental developments in society from the beginning of the Modern Age until the present. The course describes France as a nation within an international context, and critically compares the ideals of the Enlightenment to current tensions concerning religion and ethics, nation building and civic development, human rights and migration, ethnocentrism, universalism and cultural relativism, progress, science and technology, ecology and globalization, the individual and the world.

Initial competences

The students:
• are familiar with important concepts and realia from the cultural history of the language area;
• can retrieve information about the language area’s cultural history, drawing on appropriate sources;
• can frame the language area’s current affairs in a cultural and historical context.

Final competences

1 Have a command of French comprehension (listening and reading) at C2 level (Mvtc 11, assessed)
2 Having advanced knowledge and understanding of the cultural and institutional context of France and, based on that knowledge, critically reflecting on developments and intercultural transfers in western civilization (Mvtc 13, assessed)
3 Reflecting critically on the general context of thought processes in language and culture, and placing them in a broad social and intercultural context (Mvtc 31, assessed)
4 Judging and acting with the necessary dose of critical self-reflection in cultural contexts (Mvtc 33, not assessed)
5 Displaying intellectual curiosity and a lifelong learning attitude (Mvtc 34, not assessed)

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

Guided self-study, lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lecture (with interactive components)

Learning materials and price

Learning platform:
• Syllabus with texts and information
• Documents on Minerva

References


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Course content-related study coaching
  Consultation hour

Evaluation methods
  end-of-term evaluation
  
Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
  Oral examination

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
  not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
  Oral exam (100%)
    Students are given time to briefly prepare the questions in writing.
    Second session: same

Calculation of the examination mark
  See heading 'explanatory note to the evaluation methods'

Facilities for Working Students
  Can be requested from the learning track counsellor

Addendum
  F4MO

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