

French Literature V (A001845)

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

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

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offering

Teaching languages

French

Keywords

French literature, 17th and 18th century, love and seduction, classical tragedy, *libertinage*, censorship

Position of the course

This advanced course follows up on *French Literature II* and provides students with an in-depth study of French literature and culture from the 17th (theatre) and 18th century (novel, *conte*).

Exchange students may take up this course unit, for which no prior knowledge of Dutch is required.

Contents

The literature from the French Classicist and Enlightenment era is discussed from the perspective of one central theme: love and seduction, *in* literature and *by* literature. The tragic passions in the Classical theatre by Racine, the irresistible but fatal love in the sentimental novel by Prévost, the more or less explicit erotic pleasures in the works of the libertine Crébillon fils are each studied against the backdrop of the changing conceptions and discourse on love and sexuality and on their representation in different literary genres. Attention will be devoted to the reception of the discussed works in the 17th and 18th centuries, when their success was often scandalous.

Initial competences

The student may take this course if he/she has followed the courses *French literature II* & *French literature III* or has mastered the intended competences in another way.

Final competences

- 1 To have an insight into the literary-historical developments of French literature.
- 2 To have an insight into the evolution of the mentalities and the cultural background in France.
- 3 To be capable of writing a good essay, coherent, well structured, clearly argued and focused on the set question.

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

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

It is possible that due to COVID-19 different teaching methods will be applied. More detailed information will be supplied via Ufora.

Study material

None

References

Course content-related study coaching

- Specific questions can be asked during the lecturer's office hours.
- Feedback

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Essay.

The student hands in an essay during the May-June session. In case of an insufficient mark, the student submits a new essay during the August-September session.

Calculation of the examination mark

Non-periodical (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

- Possibility of exemption from attending the lectures and substitute assignment
- the exam can be organised at a different time during the same academic year
- feedback by appointment