

European Languages in Contact: History and Methodology (A003031)

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

Dutch

Keywords

Linguistics and literature, Indo-European languages, Germanic languages, Romance languages, Classical languages, language history, typology

Position of the course

This course offers an overview of the 9 languages of the programme in Linguistics and Literature. It pays attention to their history, mutual contacts and the role of literature in their development.

Contents

Starting from an overview of the Indo-European language family the trajectories of the Classical, Romance and Germanic languages will be examined from the earliest times up to now. Attention will be paid to their origin, typology and relationship(s). In the historical line of the course essential themes will be highlighted such as the influence of Latin, the textual tradition of the oldest writings, processes of standardisation, language contact and linguistic change. The relationship between language and literature is a constant focus. The course thus wishes to act as a general introduction to the programme in Linguistics and Literature.

Initial competences

To have acquired the basic knowledge of secondary education

Final competences

- 1 To have an insight into the history of the Indo-European language family
- 2 To have an elementary insight into the structure, characteristics and mutual relationships of the various Classical, Germanic and Romance languages.
- 3 To be able to denote the influence of the classical languages, in particular Latin, on the modern languages within the programme
- 4 To have an eye for the relationships between languages both diachronically and synchronically
- 5 To have an insight in (socio-)linguistic phenomena such as language contact and linguistic change

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Conditions for credit contract

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

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in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture

Study material

None

References

Course content-related study coaching

On appointment and electronically (e-mail)

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment

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

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Multiple choice with standard setting

Calculation of the examination mark

Facilities for Working Students

1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance
2. The examination cannot be rescheduled
3. No alternative time for feedback

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