

To have successfully completed the courses Dutch Linguistics I: language system and Dutch Linguistics II: language system or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 To have a profound knowledge of the historical development of Dutch in the domains of phonology, morphology, and syntax.
- 2 To have a good understanding of the major mechanisms of phonological, morphological, and syntactic language change.
- 3 To have a good knowledge of patterns of regional variation in older stages of Dutch.
- 4 To have a good understanding of the relation between regional and diachronic language change.
- 5 To be able to evaluate the pros and cons of different data sources and tools for the historical linguistics of Dutch.
- 6 To be able to approximatively localize and date older texts on the basis of their linguistic characteristics and to discuss their phonological, morphological and syntactic traits.
- 7 To be able to understand historical texts and translate them into present-day Dutch.
- 8 To be able to identify and analyse instances of specific phonological, morphological or syntactic phenomena in historical texts.

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

Group work, Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Half of the class time is devoted to a theoretical overview of phonological, morphological and syntactic changes, the other half to the analysis of specific texts and examples.

Students prepare the discussions of specific texts in small groups or individually, on the basis of questions and discussion points distributed in advance.

Also, students are expected to read two or three scholarly articles. There is an online discussion group in which more complex questions can be further discussed.

Learning materials and price

Syllabus and additional secondary literature.

Everything is made digitally available via Ufora.

Approximated cost: 25 EUR

References

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support via Minerva (discussions). Personal support: appointment via e-mail.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Written assessment open-book

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

Written assessment open-book

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Written open book exam. The exam is in line with the intended final competences.

As in all courses in Dutch linguistics, students are expected to speak and write idiomatically correct standard Dutch and to use the appropriate formal register of language.

The score for participation is based on students' active participation in class discussions and exercises.

Calculation of the examination mark

90% exam

10% participation

Facilities for Working Students

- Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
- Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- Feedback can be given by email, telephone or during an appointment during office hours