

Old Slavonic (A005472)

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

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

seminar

independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Old Slavonic, linguistics

Position of the course

This course aims at providing a (passive) knowledge of Old Slavonic, the common written language of the Orthodox Slav world, through the study of the elementary grammar and the reading of adapted texts.

Contents

The elementary grammar (phonetics and phonology, morphology and syntax) is acquired by means of a syllabus. Since only a passive knowledge of the language is aimed at, the theory is almost immediately put into practice by reading texts in 'standardized' Old Church Slavonic. Only the oldest texts are eligible (as Old Church Slavonic splits into regional variants later on).

Initial competences

No previous knowledge required

Final competences

- 1 Knowledge of the historico-cultural context of the origin and the development of Old Slavonic
- 2 Knowledge of the grammar of Old Slavonic
- 3 The ability to grammatically parse a normalized Old Slavonic text
- 4 The ability to translate a normalized Old Slavonic text

Conditions for credit contract

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

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Seminar, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Guided self-study: guided home tasks to prepare for class (especially grammar)

On campus lecture: explanation of the grammar of the Old Slavonic language; in-

(Approved)

class exercises on grammar, word processing in group

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: Oudslavisch: grammatica en basisvocabularium (Lara Sels & Michel De Dobbeleer; Acco, 2015)

Indicative price: € 11

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

References

A. Vaillant, *Manuel du vieux slave*, 2ème éd., Paris, 1964

C. Le Feuvre, *Le vieux slave*, Leuven-Paris, 2010

Course content-related study coaching

personal and group tutoring, interactive support via Ufora, the lecturer can be contacted by e-mail, and during office hours

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment

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

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

Period-specific evaluation:

- written exam (100%): translation of an unseen text +

sentence analysis, questions on grammar (morphology and syntax)

Calculation of the examination mark

period-bound evaluation: 100%

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

Obligatory presence during the lessons

No possibility to take the exam at another time

Possibility of feedback after appointment