

Final competences

- 1 to demonstrate a thorough insight into variation in present-day German, especially with regard to on-going linguistic changes and their reflection in divergent perspectives (academic and popular) on linguistic criticism ("Sprachkritik")
- 2 to support this insight through autonomous research tasks in connection with the weekly topics, potentially using GenAI
- 3 to critically evaluate the scientific and popular literature on language variation and the theories and interpretations it contains
- 4 to be thoroughly proficient in written and spoken German, including techniques for adequately collating and referencing information, potentially involving the responsible use of GenAI

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

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

The course consists of weekly lectures and interactive seminars (75 minutes), with active participation by the students expected during the seminars. Each student is also expected to give, or collaborate in, an interactive oral presentation which is then discussed in class. The presentation subsequently forms the basis for a written paper.

If an external expert is brought in for a session, students can be assigned the task of preparing and/or chairing a discussion. Such sessions may be held online.

This course assumes that students use generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) responsibly. A reflection on the (non-)use of GenAI is mandatorily included in the written paper and may be discussed during the oral exam.

Lessons are not recorded.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Sprachkritik: Ansätze und Methoden der kritischen Sprachbetrachtung (2. Auflage) - Berlin/Boston: deGruyter 2016

Indicative price: € 40

Optional: yes

Language : Other

Author : Killian, Jörg / Niehr, Thomas / Schiewe, Jürgen

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Available in the Library : Yes

Type: Syllabus

Name: Sprachkritik

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Available on Ufora : Yes

Type: Slides

Name: Variation im Deutschen

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

The standard references of German linguistics.

Course content-related study coaching

Individual and group tutoring

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Oral assessment open-book

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

Oral assessment open-book, Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation, Presentation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

in-sessional: oral presentation, written assignment, participation

post-sessional: oral exam

Calculation of the examination mark

80% in-sessional evaluation

The written assignment (Hausarbeit) accounts for 40% of the extra-sessional evaluation. The remaining 40% consist of 20% for the oral presentation and 20% for general participation in its various forms (incl. preparing and/of leading a discussion of an expert if relevant).

20% post-sessional evaluation

The post-sessional evaluation consists of an oral exam that takes the form of an reflection on the written assignment, including its embedding in the course as a whole.

All parts of evaluation are mandatory in order to pass the course. If a student fails to undergo part of the evaluation and the final mark is nevertheless 10 or more out of 20, the final mark is reduced to 9/20.

For the second examination period, the written assignment is re-submitted in revised form, and the oral exam is taken again.

Facilities for Working Students

1. Students cannot be excused from attending lectures.
 2. Possible rescheduling of the presentation to a different time in the same academic year
 3. Alternative time for feedback is possible
- For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy