



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Languages

4FR014 Franska. Perspektiv på fransk språkvetenskap, 7,5
högskolepoäng

Perspectives on French linguistics, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

French

Subject

French

Level

Second cycle

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2018-05-25.

Revised 2025-04-14. Changes in content, objectives, examination and required reading.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

Prerequisites

French 1–90 credits including a degree project 15 credits or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- describe French language structure from various perspectives,
- critically discuss linguistic theories and methods,
- analyse and discuss academic articles,
- independently conduct a minor study,
- express themselves in speech and writing using correct academic French.

Content

The objective of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the field of French linguistics. The course encompasses a range of perspectives, including sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, pragmatics and language learning/bilingualism. Students will engage with diverse analytical models through the reading of scientific articles and the conduct of small-scale scientific investigations.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place through lectures, self-study and online seminars (web-based teaching with real-time lessons via Zoom). When the teaching is marked as a seminar in the schedule, attendance is mandatory. The course is given in French.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E or F.

For a pass grade, the course objectives must be achieved. The grade A is the highest grade on the scale and the grade E is the lowest grade that gives a passing grade. The grade F means that the student has failed the course. Grading criteria for grades A-F are announced in writing at the start of the course. Examination takes place through assessment of submitted written assignments, oral assignments and posts in discussion forums. Students who do not pass the regular examination are given the opportunity to re-examine in accordance with the university's local rules.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted and compiled into a report, which is made available to students and filed according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Students are not obliged to purchase any literature, since all mandatory literature is provided by the department. Approximately 700 pages.

Reference literature

Boyer, Henri. (Latest edition). *Introduction à la sociolinguistique*. Paris: Dunod.

Calvet, Louis-Jean. (Latest edition). *La sociolinguistique*. Paris: Que sais-je?

Caillat, Domitille & Verine, Bertrand. (Latest edition). *Manuel d'analyse du discours. Perspectives contemporaines*. Louvain-la-Neuve: De Boeck supérieur.

Kerbrat-Orecchioni, Catherine. (Latest edition). *Les actes de langage dans le discours : Théories et fonctionnement*. Paris: Armand Colin.

Maingueneau, Dominique. (latest edition). *Discours et analyse du discours*. Paris: Armand Colin.