

5.00 credits

30.0 h

Q1 or Q2


**This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!**

Teacher(s)	Hambye Philippe ;Simon Anne-Catherine ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None
Main themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human language as compared to other communication systems ;</li> <li>• Levels of linguistic analysis (phonetics-phonology, morphology, lexis, syntax and pragmatics);</li> <li>• Language universals and the variety of languages</li> </ul>
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Course evaluation will be based on the report sent by the students at the latest during the last week of courses (S13)
Teaching methods	<p>In order to gain the credits associated to this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• follow at their own pace the MOOC available at <a href="https://www.coursera.org/learn/human-language">https://www.coursera.org/learn/human-language</a></li> <li>• by the end of the term, send a short report on their learning achievements, identifying, for each chapter of the MOOC, (a) 3 concepts they've learned and for which they will propose a definition and explain why they consider them as important for the understanding of language (b) an concrete example / observation of language use they've found particularly illuminating or thought-provoking.</li> </ul>
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Week 1 - Introduction to Linguistics:</b> why do (almost) all human beings have a language, and what makes human language different from animal communication systems?</li> <li>• <b>Week 2 - The study of sound:</b> Phonology and Phonetics: In this module we will delve into what appear to be the smallest building blocks of spoken language: 'sounds'.</li> <li>• <b>Week 3 - The study of words and sentences:</b> Morphology and Syntax: In this module we will discuss words and sentences.</li> <li>• <b>Week 4 - The study of meaning:</b> Pragmatics and Semantics: This module deals with a topic which many of you find very interesting: meaning. How do we determine what a word means? To what extent does our language influence our thinking?</li> <li>• <b>Week 5 - Language in the Brain:</b> This module features all of the well-known parts of the current MOOC.</li> <li>• <b>Week 6 - Language in the Society:</b> In the previous modules we have dissected the structure of languages, but now we will study language in its real context: how does language change? How do people use language to be polite?</li> </ul>
Inline resources	/
Bibliography	/
Other infos	/
Faculty or entity in charge	FIAL