



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Topics in comparative linguistics of Romance Languages - 10832

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: School of Language Sciences

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course presents the central linguistic properties of the main Romance languages at the different levels of linguistic analysis, examining common traits and their differences.

Course/Module aims:

Deepen the acquaintance of students with the main Romance languages; give a general picture as to the characteristics of this language family.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. Describe linguistic phenomena in the Romance languages.
2. Examine similarity and differences between the phenomena.
3. Compare between linguistic phenomena in the main Romance languages.
4. Identify systematicity in the different characteristics.
5. Form generalizations based on the details of the linguistic description.

Attendance requirements(%):

100 with some flexibility

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture & discussion

Course/Module Content:

Introduction: the Romance language family

Phonology

Morphology (noun, verb, pronouns)

Syntax: word order (clause, NP), differential object marking (DOM), ser/estar

Semantics: temporal system, mood, bare nominals, negation, ser/estar

Pragmatics: DOM, politeness

Required Reading:

We will read or consider topics from the following list:

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 100 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: