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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

FRAM12, Spoken French II: Political Rhetorics, 7.5 credits

Talad franska II: Politisk retorik, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-04-09 to be valid from 2008-04-09, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics specialising in French. The course is offered as a single course and can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

Language of instruction: French

Main field of studies

French

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to utilise and apply current research into the field of Spoken French, particularly concerning political rhetoric, in an autonomous manner
- be able to acquire basic knowledge and understanding of classical and modern rhetoric and be able to give an account of the contents of a number of key works of modern rhetoric
- be able to use rhetorical concepts in the analysis of political speeches
- be able to reflect methodologically on the ways in which political messages and rhetorical competence combine to persuade.

Competence and skills

- demonstrate a sound ability to discuss the ways in which research issues, theories, data, methods of analysis and findings are connected
- be able to compile a corpus of political speeches which can illustrate key problems within the field of Spoken French and be able to carry out examinations with the help of qualitative and quantitative methods of research
- be able to present orally his/her own findings and those of others using a good level of rhetorical French
- be able to analyse his/her own ability to hold speeches using a good level of French.

Judgement and approach

- be able to adopt a scholarly approach to rhetoric in political speeches
- be able to discuss current research issues within the field of rhetoric, in an autonomous manner
- be able to take a position on the ways in which rhetoric is used in contemporary French politics
- be able to discuss issues pertaining to epistemology and research ethics which are relevant to his/her own empirical findings.

Course content

This course uses theoretical studies and empirical investigations to provide the students with knowledge and understanding of current research within the field of Spoken French, in particular methods used in the analysis of the rhetoric of political speeches. The course contains a review of theory, relevant research issues and empirical studies of classical and modern rhetoric. An overview of the key monographs and articles in this field found in both French and international publications is also included. The student then defines a problem to analyse and puts together a corpus consisting of a limited number of political speeches, which will be used as a basis for the study. The overall aim of the course is to train the student in the formulation of scholarly problems and hypotheses, the design and execution of empirical research, the selection of suitable methods of analysis and the discussion of his/her own research findings as well as those of others.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars, some of which are scheduled without a lecturer.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of a scheduled lecture given by the student in French, which is based on a written assignment.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course requires the successful completion of 90 higher education credits, of which at least 60 are in French, or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.