



**LUND**  
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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **FRAM18, French: Introduction to Medieval French, 7.5 credits**

*Franska: Introduktion till medeltida franska, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-02-12 to be valid from 2016-02-12, spring semester 2016.

### **General Information**

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Language and Linguistics. It is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*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 students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for some key language history features of medieval French within the fields of phonetics, morphology, syntax and vocabulary
- use relevant concepts and terms to describe the language system of medieval French from a synchronic perspective and apply them in analyses
- account for language structures differentiating medieval French from modern French and account for a selection of them

### **Competence and skills**

- assisted by relevant aids, independently interpret texts in medieval French
- independently formulate an issue that can be studied from the perspective of medieval French
- compile a corpus by means of databases or other sources in order to process and analyse it
- present the results of a study within one of the fields covered by the course in good spoken and written French

### **Judgement and approach**

- assess and discuss the relevance of the results of their investigations
- discuss and assess the role of language history in linguistics

### **Course content**

The course provides students with an overview of the historical development of French focusing on the Middle Ages, aiming to enable students to understand and analyse medieval French texts. The overview introduces concepts and terms of relevance to a description of the development of French, and illustrates how to proceed to interpret languages in history from the point of view of form, semantics, grammar and context.

A number of texts are studied, with a focus on language phenomena. Furthermore, the course includes a component in which students practise transcribing texts from medieval manuscripts.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists partly of lectures and seminars with a lecturer and partly of scheduled sessions without a lecturer.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on compulsory written assignments (2-5) and an oral presentation in French.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

### **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have 90 credits including at least 60 credits 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.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

## Subcourses in FRAM18, French: Introduction to Medieval French

Applies from V16

1601 Introduction to Medieval French, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction