UCLouvain Ifial1430 2023 Critical Examination of Information and Critical Thinking

5.00 credits

45.0 h + 10.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Leclercq Jean ;Van Ypersele Laurence ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Prerequisites	1			
Main themes	The procedure comes straight from philosophy, in that it is an argumentative practice, and from historical criticism, according to their respective and common rules, in a perspective which is both history and language driven. To achieve the objectives listed above, we will examine the way in which a line of argument is constructed, the kind of language support and techniques employed, and the possible uses that can be made of it. We will deal with the most basic concepts in rhetoric, logic and argumentation, using a wide range of teaching aids, from the oldest to digital. We will also examine the different stages of historical criticism: external and internal criticism, comparison of documents and drawing conclusions on the issues of causality and meaning. This course aims to support and enhance training for citizenship and social responsibility. It is also designed to provide students with the tools to develop verification and validation skills in relation to the relevance of everyday information.			
Learning outcomes	 At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : This teaching unit will enable students to acquire skills in the field of argumentation and the criticism of information, to ensure the validity and the accuracy of the specific corpus on which students in humanities are working, to aim for the greatest possible academic objectivity. Gaining basic skills in the field of historical criticism is a vital tool for research in humanities, to validate the corpus being worked on, to set out an issue and to strive for academic objectivity. Students will thus be able to analyse critically a piece of discourse by looking at the ideas used, the facts related, the causes and consequences established, the assessment of the values put forward, in short all the strategies deployed to support or undermine the development of a thesis. Armed with these tools, by the end of the course, students will also be able to formulate and justify a critical stance towards all the different kinds of discourse in everyday life. 			
Evaluation methods	Assessment is by means of a written examination, the first part of which relates to the adoption of theoretical frameworks and the second to the use of these frameworks to analyse documents and discourse which students have not encountered in the course.			
Content				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Classics	CLAS1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	GERM1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : Musicology	MUSI1BA	5		٩	
Minor in Medieval Studies	MINMEDI	5		٩	
Bachelor in Philosophy	FILO1BA	5		٩	
Minor in History	MINHIST	5		٩	
Bachelor in History	HIST1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General	ROM1BA	5		٩	
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5		٩	