



### COURSE (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course (module) title	Code
Linguistic Variation in Indo-European Languages	LINGV-IP-AKUK

Teacher(s)	Unit(s)
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Cycle of studies	Level of course (module)	Type of course (module)
First cycle	1/1	Optional

Mode of implementation	Period of instruction	Language(s) of instruction
Interactive lectures, practice	Semester 5	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: English proficiency at level B2	Co-requisites (if any): None

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student workload	Contact hours	Independent study hours
5	133	32	101

Aim of course (module): competences developed by the study programme		
To develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>general competences:</b> critical thinking, independent work and time management; intercultural communication and team work;</li> <li>• <b>subject competences:</b> demonstrating familiarity with the key linguistic concepts; gaining critical assessment of the issues of linguistic variation.</li> </ul>		
Learning outcomes of the course (module)	Study methods	Assessment methods
Students will acquire knowledge of linguistic variation in Indo-European languages on the level of phonology, morphology, lexicon, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to present information on basic concepts related to linguistic variation;</li> <li>- to provide examples of competing variants at different linguistic levels;</li> <li>- to critically discuss the phenomena that surround the concept of linguistic variation.</li> </ul>	Interactive methods; group work and panel discussions.	Accumulative assessment  Oral presentation of research project

Topics	Contact hours							Independent study time and assignments	
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Practice	Laboratory work	Practice	Total contact hours	Independent work	Assignments
Introduction to the course. Variation and change in languages.	4						2	20	Practical assignments. Tasks to help students understand linguistic variation on different language levels.
Linguistic variation in morphology.	2		2				4	10	
Linguistic variation in phonology.	2						2		
Linguistic variation in lexicon.	2		2				4	13	
Linguistic variation in syntax.	2						2		
Linguistic variation in semantics.	2		2				4	5	
Linguistic variation in pragmatics.	2		2				2	13	
Overview of linguistic variation on different language levels. Panel discussions. Research presentations.	8						12	40	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>8</b>				<b>32</b>	<b>101</b>	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Assessment time	Assessment criteria
Concept analysis and evaluation	30%	During the seminars	<b>3 points:</b> Concept analysis and evaluation in scientific literature.
Podcast creation	10%	During the seminars	<b>1 point:</b> Creation of a podcast about linguistic variation in languages.
Oral presentation of research project	60%	At the end of the course	<b>6 points:</b> Content (max. 4 points) Language use (max. 1 point) Structure and delivery (max. 1 point)

Author	Year of publication	Title	Publishing place and house or a web link
<b>Compulsory reading list</b>			
Rainer, F., Francesco G., Dressler, W. U., Luschützky, H. C.	2019	<i>Competition in Inflection and Word-Formation</i>	Cham: Springer
Santana-Lario, J. Valera, S.	2017	<i>Competing Patterns in English Affixation</i>	Bern: Peter Lang

Kiesling, S. F.	2011	<i>Linguistic Variation and Change</i>	Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press
Mougeon, R., Nadasdi, T., Rehner, K.	2010	<i>The Sociolinguistic Competence of Immersion Students</i>	Bristol: Multilingual Matters
Cornips, L., Corrigan K.	2005	<i>Syntax and Variation. Reconciling the Biological and Social</i>	Amsterdam/Philadelphia : John Benjamins
Schneider, K. P., Barron, A.	2008	<i>Variational Pragmatics: A Focus on Regional Varieties in Pluricentric Languages</i>	Amsterdam: John Benjamins
<b>Additional reading list</b>			
Franco, L., Lorusso, P.	2020	<i>Linguistic Variation: Structure and Interpretation</i>	Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton
Reppen, R., Fitzmaurice, S., Biber, D.	2002	<i>Using Corpora to Explore Linguistic Variation</i>	Amsterdam: John Benjamins