

Course title: Variation in the French-Speaking World

Course code: MDF0823

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 2nd

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 6

Name of the lecturer: Maria Pavel

Course objective: Approach of the varieties of French in the francophone area from the viewpoint of the development of discourse and referential components belonging to the communicative competences. The phonetic, lexical, grammatical characteristics highlighting the diversity and dynamics of the contemporary French language.

Course contents: Familiarize students with the main regional varieties in Northern France, Meridional France and Franco-Provençal area. The relative defining of the varieties under the circumstances of permeable regional and state borders. Variations belonging to the neighbouring francophone countries in Europe and the former colonies of France. The history of its emergence and the status of the French language; representative phonetic, lexical, grammatical characteristics; linguistic policies. Regional varieties in the French-speaking Belgium, Switzerland, North America and Africa.

Recommended reading: Pavel, Maria, *Éléments de sociolinguistique*, Iași, Casa Editorială Demiurg, 2007; Pavel, Maria, *Le Canada francophone*, Iași, Casa Editorială Demiurg, 2008; Blampain, Daniel et alii, *Le français en Belgique*, Bruxelles, Duculot, 1999; Shläpfer, Robert (coord.), *La Suisse aux quatre langues*, Genève, Zoé, 1985; Walter, Henriette, *Le français d'ici, de là, de là-bas*, Paris, J.C. Lattès, 1998

Teaching methods: interactive lecture

Assessment methods: 50% ongoing evaluation, seminar participation; 50% final written examination

Language of instruction: French