

**Course title:** Complex Course and Seminar: Varieties of French

**Course code:** MCFR0824

**Type of course:** compulsory

**Level of course:** MA

**Year of study:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Semester:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Number of ECTS credits allocated:** 7

**Name of the lecturer:** Maria Pavel

**Course objective:** Provide students with the main factors which led to the diversification of language in the francophone areas; presentation of the regional representative varieties, develop students' skills in identifying and analyzing different topolects.

**Course contents:** The theoretical basics of the research on the regional variations and typologies within the francophone areas. Operational concepts; Francophonie: concept, institutions, territories. The regional varieties of French in France according to the former dialectal areas (emphasis on the phonetic, grammatical and lexical variations): *langue d'oïl*, *langue d'oc* and *Franco-Provençal*. The spread of regionalisms according to the state and regional borders; the varieties of French in the neighbouring francophone countries and in Canada – French-speaking Belgium and Switzerland – and those following the colonisation of Africa. Francophonie in North America. Plurality of norms: norma hexagonală, the local standard French and the popular French (*le joul* and *le chiac*). Confederative and provincial linguistic policies; the French in Québec. The particularity regarding the pronunciation. Regionalisms. The borrowings; the Acadian French.

**Recommended reading:** Pavel, Maria, Variația fonică în *Fonetismul limbii franceze. Convergență. Dinamică. Diversitate*, Iași, Editura Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2001, p.3-43; Blampain, Daniel et alii (sous la direction de), *Le français en Belgique*, Bruxelles, Duculot, 1999; Cerquiglini, Bernard (sous la direction de), *Le français dans tous ses états*, Paris; Flammarion, 2000; Plourde, Michel (sous la direction de), *Le français au Québec. 400 ans d'histoire et de vie*, Montréal, Fides, 2000; Rézeau, Pierre (sous la direction de), *Variétés géographiques de France aujourd'hui*, Paris, Bruxelles, De Boeck & Larcier, 1999; Schläpfer, Robert (sous la direction de), *La Suisse aux quatre langues*, Genève, Zoé, 1985; Walter, Henriette, *Le français dans tous les sens*, Paris, Laffont, 1988; *Le français d'ici, de là, de là-bas*, Paris, J.C. Lattès, 1998

**Teaching methods:** lectures, interactive methods

**Assessment methods:** 50% ongoing evaluation +50% written examination

**Language of instruction:** French