

Course title: French Literature (The Middle Ages and the 16th century)

Course code: FR0822 (A), FR0825 (B)

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 2nd

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5/5

Name of the lecturer: Anca-Maria Rusu

Course objective: Familiarize students with the mental structures of the Middle Ages specific to the French 16th century; a diachronic but also thematic presentation of the various forms of manifestation of the literary phenomenon.

Course contents: *The intellectual universe.* Mental structures. Forms of spreading knowledge. Universities; *The literary works.* The linguistic space. The medieval text and its characteristics. The songs of deeds. *Troubadours' and trouvères' lyric poetry.* The poetic art in the Middle Ages. The courtly love. Forms of the trobar. *Lyric voices of the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th centuries.* *The medieval novel.* The ancient novels. *Tristan and Isolda.* Chrétien de Troyes and Arthurian novel. Novels and short stories of the 15th century. *The intellectual code of the 16th century.* Permanences and metamorphoses of the medieval cultural inheritance. A cultural revolution: the Renaissance. Mannerism and baroque. The poetry of the "Great Rhetoricians". The Lyonnaise poetry. *The emergence and affirmation of a national poetic Renaissance: The pléiade. The fiction.*

Recommended reading: Badel, P.-Y., *Introduction à la vie littéraire du Moyen âge*, Bordas, 1984; Bec, P., *La lyrique française au Moyen âge (XI^e - XIII^e siècles)*, Ed. A. α J. Picard, Paris, 1977; Boriaud, J.Y., *La littérature française du XVI^e siècle*, Armand Colin, Paris, 1995; Payen, J.C., *Littérature française: le Moyen âge (I) - des origines à 1300*, Arthaud, Paris, 1971; Zink, M., *Littérature française du Moyen Âge*, PUF, Paris, 1992

Teaching methods: interactive lecture, debate, problem-solving, case study, text analysis

Assessment methods: 30% ongoing evaluation (seminar participation) + 20% portfolio + 50% final examination

Language of instruction: French