

Course title: Optional Language Course (History of Writing)

Course code: EN1063 (A)

Type of course: optional

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 3rd

Semester: 5th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5

Name of the lecturer: Adrian Poruciuc

Course objective: The course, held in English, aims to familiarize students with the main stages in the history of writing, as well as with various writing systems. The instructor will adopt an interactive method, meant to improve the students' terminology and capacity of coherent presentation in English.

Course contents: The instructor will inform the students about recent discoveries, such as the archaeological ones that have revealed the existence of a prehistoric "Danube script". Special lectures will focus on diverse types of writing (pictographic, ideographic, phonographic). Several lectures will deal with alphabetic writing and with orthographic principles.

Recommended reading: Haarmann, Harald. 1996. *Early Civilisation and Literacy in Europe*. NY: Mouton de Gruyter; Marler, Joan (ed.), 2008. *The Danube Script*. Sebastopol, CA: Institute of Archaeomythology; Poruciuc, Adrian, 1993. "Observații asupra scrierii și a relației pronunție-scriere (cu referire specială la limbile indoeuropene)". *Thraco-Dacica*, Tom XIV, No. 1-2 (5-12); Yule, George, 1985. *The Study of Language* (Chapter 2: „The Development of Writing”). Cambridge University Press; Pilch, Herbert, 1976. *Empirical Linguistics* (Chapter XIX: „Writing”). München: Francke

Teaching methods: interactive lectures

Assessment methods: homeworks; final (written) test

Language of instruction: English