

**Course title:** Varieties of French

**Course code:** MSF0812

**Type of course:** compulsory

**Level of course:** MA

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

**Semester:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Number of ECTS credits allocated:** 6

**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 (sociolinguistic) basics of the research on the regional variations and typologies within the francophone areas. The regional varieties of French in France according to the former dialectal areas (emphasis on the phonetic, grammatical and lexical variations). The spread of regionalisms according to the state and regional borders; the varieties of French in the neighbouring francophone countries – French-speaking Belgium and Switzerland – and those following the colonisation of Africa. Historical and geographical information, characteristics of the pronunciation, grammar, lexis, linguistic policies, the current status of the French language.

**Recommended reading:** Pavel, Maria, *Éléments de sociolinguistique*, Iași, Casa Editorială Demiurg, 2007; Cerquiglini, Bernard (coord.), *Le français dans tous ses états*, Paris, Flammarion, 2000; Rézeau, Pierre, *Variétés géographiques de France aujourd'hui*, Paris, Bruxelles, De Boeck & Larcier, 1999; Blampain, Daniel *et alii*, *Le français en Belgique*, Bruxelles, Duculot, 1999; Schläpfer, Robert (coord.), *La Suisse aux quatre langues*, Genève, Zoé, 1985

**Teaching methods:** interactive lecture

**Assessment methods:** 50% ongoing evaluation; 50 % final written examination

**Language of instruction:** French