

Course title: Varieties of French

Course code: MSF0822

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 2nd

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 6

Name of the lecturer: Cristina Petraş

Course objective: A description of the varieties of French in Canada analyzed both at linguistic level and at the level of non-linguistic external factors (contacts among languages, the status of French, the presence / absence of norm, linguistic policy etc.).

Course contents: I. Varieties of French in Canada. Variation and sources of their characteristics. Description of the linguistic characteristics. Varieties in Québec / Acadia. Convergences and divergences. Factors responsible for these divergences. Types of characteristics. Processes undergone by the popular French. II. The status of the French language in Canada. The linguistic policies in Canada / in Québec. III. Canadian francophonie and francophone minorities. Definition of the concepts of Canadian francophonie, official-language minorities. Canadian francophone minorities. Demolinguistic and sociolinguistic description. Francophone minorities and linguistic policies. French-language education.

Recommended reading: *Francophonies d'Amérique (La vitalité des communautés francophones du Canada)*, numéro 20, automne 2005, Les Presses de l'Université d'Ottawa / Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne française; Plourde, Michel (sous la direction de), 2003, *Le français au Québec. 400 ans d'histoire et de vie*, Québec, Fides, Conseil supérieur de la langue française; Poirier, Claude (sous la direction de), 1994, *Langue, espace, société. Les variétés du français en Amérique du Nord*, Québec, Les Presses de l'Université Laval; Valdman, Albert, Auger, Julie, Piston-Hatlen, Deborah (sous la direction de), 2005, *Le français en Amérique du Nord. État présent*, Québec, Les Presses de l'Université Laval; Wiesmath, Raphaële, 2006, *Le français acadien. Analyse syntaxique d'un corpus oral recueilli au Nouveau-Brunswick / Canada*, Paris, L'Harmattan

Teaching methods: lecture, discussion, debate

Assessment methods: (a) written examination; (b) seminar participation

Language of instruction: French