Study Programme: German studies

Course Unit Title: Historical Grammar of the German Language

Course Unit Code: 15HJHJ050

Name of Lecturer(s): Ass. Prof. Gordana Ristić, PhD

Type and Level of Studies: BA

Course Status (compulsory/elective): compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): winter

Language of instruction: German

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 6

Prerequisites: German language (level B2 or higher)

Course Aims:

Gaining an insight into basic diachronic processes of the German language, acquiring knowledge about the historical grammar and diachronic development of the German language for the purpose of easier and better understanding of the German contemporary language. Linguistic interpretation of older texts.

Learning Outcomes:

The students have acquired basic knowledge about diachronic processes of the German language, which enables them to analyze and interpret texts from the Old High German, Middle High German and Early Modern High German period.

Syllabus:

Theory

The course gives an overview of the grammatical categories and structures from the Germanic, Old High German, Middle High German and Early Modern High German to the contemporary language. The emphasis is on combinatorial vocal and consonantal language changes (umlaut, ablaut, grammatical change) that are grammaticalized in contemporary German.

Practice

Linguistic interpretation of selected German texts from the mentioned linguistic-historical periods of the German language, as well as the phonological-morphological analysis of selected texts.

Required Reading:

- 1.Bogner, S. (2010): Abriss der Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und der historischen Grammatik des Deutschen. LaVik 92-TIMP, Maria Theresiopel, Subotica-Szabadka.
- 2.Braune, E.(1989): Abriß der althochdeutschen Grammatik. Max Niemeyer, Tübingen.
- 3. Braune, E. (1981): Gotische Grammatik Tübingen. Max Niemeyer, Tübingen.
- 4.Ebetr/Reichmann/Somls/Wegera (1993): Frühneuhochdeutsche Grammatik. Max Niemeyer, Tübingen.
- 5.Schmidt, Wilhelm (1993): Geschichte der deutschen Sprache. Ein Lehrbuch für das germanistische Studium. Hirzel, Stuttgart/Leipzig.
- 6. Žepić, S. (1984): Historische Grammatik des Deutschen.SNL, Zagreb.

Weekly Contact Hours: 4 Lectures: 2 Practical work: 2

Teaching Methods: lectures, analyzing and interpreting key concepts and topics, analyzing selected a selection of texts, presenting projects by students.

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation	8	written exam	
Practical work (project)	22	oral exam	70
Preliminary exam(s)			
Seminar(s)			