

Spanish Linguistics: Introduction (A005696)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 3.0

Study time 90 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2)	Spanish	Gent	lecture	0.0h
			seminar	0.0h
			independent work	0.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Legaz Torregrosa, Helena	LW06	staff member
Enghels, Renata	LW06	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)	3	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)	3	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Spanish)	3	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Spanish)	3	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Spanish)	3	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Iberian-Romance Languages)	3	A

Teaching languages

Spanish

Keywords

Spanish, linguistics, history, phonetics, semantics, syntax, sentence analysis, grammar

Position of the course

This course helps students to acquire basic notions of Spanish linguistics and grammar.
Exchange students may take this course. It does not require knowledge of Dutch.

Contents

- General introduction to (Spanish) notions of linguistics
- General overview of the history of Spanish
- Phonetics and phonology of contemporary Spanish: description of the Spanish sound system, phonetic structure and prosody
- The students are also initiated in semantics with notions such as polysemy, homonymy, synonymy,...
- Syntactic analysis of the simple clause (blended learning).
- Level of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages : A2/B1.

Initial competences

Students have followed the course Spanish language proficiency I or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means. Starting level: A1/A2.

Final competences

- 1 To have insight into the basic structures of Spanish and its evolution.
- 2 To have insight into the phonetic system of Spanish.
- 3 To acquire basic knowledge of semantics.
- 4 To have insight into the syntactic analysis of a simple Spanish clause. To be able to analyze the simple clause at a formal, functional and structural level.

- 5 Be able to apply in a correct written Spanish the linguistic notions that are discussed during the lectures.
- 6 To dispose of a strong awareness of language and its role in human interactions and cultural production.
- 7 To be familiar with the basic concepts, and inter- and transdisciplinary possibilities of Digital humanities.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures: theory. Several topics are supported by videos on Ufora.
- Seminar: exercises (introduction to linguistic notions, semantics & syntactic analysis, phonetic transcription).
- For the grammatical and syntactic analysis the blended learning principle is applied: students prepare the contents at home by passing learning paths on Ufora. These include animated videos, tests and enquiries. The contents is then further discussed and practiced during the lectures.
- For each topic a set of interactive self-evaluation tests (incl. direct feedback) is provided on Ufora.
- Lecture-based sessions can be recorded and made available to specific target groups (upon request).

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: LINGÜÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA Introducción a la lingüística, Historia del Español, Semántica, Fonética y Fonología
 Indicative price: € 10
 Optional: no
 Language : Other
 Number of Pages : 105
 Oldest Usable Edition : 2024
 Available on Ufora : No
 Online Available : No
 Available in the Library : No
 Available through Student Association : Yes

Type: Syllabus

Name: Análisis sintáctico
 Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
 Optional: no
 Language : Other
 Number of Pages : 50
 Oldest Usable Edition : 2025
 Available on Ufora : Yes
 Online Available : No
 Available in the Library : No
 Available through Student Association : No

Type: Slides

Name: LINGÜÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA Introducción a la lingüística, Historia del Español, Semántica, Fonética y Fonología - slides
 Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
 Optional: no
 Language : Other
 Number of Slides : 400
 Oldest Usable Edition : 2024
 Available on Ufora : Yes
 Online Available : Yes
 Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Audiovisual Material

Name: LINGÜÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA : Introducción a la lingüística, Historia del Español, Semántica, Fonética y Fonología -
kennisclips

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

References

- Gómez Torrego, Leonardo, & Ignacio Bosque (2005). Análisis Sintáctico: Teoría Y Práctica. Madrid: SM.
- Matte Bon F. Gramática comunicativa del español
- Moliner M. Diccionario de uso del español
- Navarro, J.M. / Navarro Ramil, A.J. (2008): Thematische woordenschat Spaans, Amsterdam: Intertaal.
- RAE: Nueva gramática básica de la lengua española (recommended)
- Van Dale: Groot woordenboek Spaans-Nederlands / Nederlands-Spaans (recommended)

Course content-related study coaching

Professor (theory) and assistant (exercises)

Students are strongly encouraged to engage in interaction, to ask questions during the classes, and to take additional notes.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

- Open theoretical questions on phonetics, semantics and the history of Spanish.
Practice: sentence analysis, phonetic transcription and semantics.
- Student attendance during lectures (theory and practice) is strongly advised.

Calculation of the examination mark

- 100% written exam

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance.
- 2 Feedback can be given by email