GHENT UNIVERSITY

# Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

## Introduction to Flemish Sign Language (D013880)

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

**Credits 3.0** **Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027**

A (semester 1) Dutch Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

Van Herreweghe, Mieke LW06 lecturer-in-charge

| Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027 | crdts | offering |
|---|---|---|
| Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Audiology) | 3 | A |
| Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Logopaedics) | 3 | A |

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Flemish Sign Language, Deaf Culture, Flemish Deaf Community

**Position of the course**

Professionals working within the context of language and communication will profit from an insight into the linguistic aspects of Flemish Sign Language, a basic competence in Flemish Sign Language and insights in the Flemish Deaf community.

**Contents**

Linguistic aspects of sign languages versus spoken languages, with specific focus on phonological, morphosyntactic, lexical, sociolinguistic and language acquisitional aspects of Flemish Sign Language.

**Initial competences**

No requirements concerning prior knowledge of Flemish Sign Language and the Deaf community in Flanders.

**Final competences**

1 Analyzing the phonological, morphosyntactic and lexical structures of Flemish Sign Language
2 Evaluating existing views on deafness, Flemish Sign Language and Deaf culture
3 Interpreting the sociolinguistic context and aspects of Deaf culture
4 Interpreting the developmental linguistic context and educational context of deaf children
5 A limited basic language proficiency in Flemish Sign Language

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Lecture, Practical, Independent work

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

- Weekly lecture
- 1 practical: limited language skills VGT
- Independent work: pre-processing scientific literature
- Lecture recordings will be available for the students in this course

**Study material**

Type: Handbook

Name: Grammatical aspects of the Flemish-Belgian Sign Language
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Author : Vermeerbergen

**References**

**Course content-related study coaching**

In group; individual guidance is possible.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

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

Oral assessment

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

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible

**Extra information on the examination methods**

End-of-term evaluation: oral exam

**Calculation of the examination mark**

Oral exam 100%

**Facilities for Working Students**

1. Exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance is possible.
2. It is possible to reschedule the examination to a different time in the same academic year.
3. Feedback can be given by email or by appointment.