

Academic English (A003001)

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Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>		
Credits 3.0	Study time 90 h	Contact hrs	15.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 2)	English	Gent	seminar	15.0 h
			guided self-study	15.0 h
B (semester 1)			guided self-study	15.0 h
			seminar	15.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

De Timmerman, Romeo	LW06	staff member
Du Pont, Olaf	LW06	staff member
Saelens, Jorien	LW06	staff member
Jacobs, Geert	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
Rosselle, Mieke	LW06	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

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Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (main subject Chemical Engineering Technology)	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Engineering (main subject Chemical Engineering and Materials Science)	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (main subject Civil Engineering Technology)	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (main subject Information Engineering Technology)	3	A, B
Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences	3	B
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Management	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Business Economics	3	A, B
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology (main subject Automation)	3	A, B
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology (main subject Electrical Engineering)	3	A, B
Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery (main subject Researcher in Care and Health Sciences)	3	A
Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery	3	A
Master of Science in Industrial Design Engineering Technology	3	A, B
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering Technology	3	A, B
Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies	3	A, B
Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature	3	A, B
Exchange Programme Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences	3	A, B
Exchange programme in Economics and Business Administration	3	A, B
Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences	3	A, B
Linking Course Master of Arts in Gender and Diversity	3	B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
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Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Preparatory Course for International Students (Foreign Students)	3	A
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Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Scientific English, academic language, vocabulary, grammar, communicative skills

Position of the course

This course aims to strengthen students' proficiency in English in an academic context. It offers an introduction into a number of essential academic communicative skills and it aims to expand their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Contents

The following 3 skills are central within a scientific context:

- writing (a.o. literature review/RQ proposal)
- reading (a.o. scientific article)
- speaking (a.o. short presentations and interactions in an academic context)

Also: vocabulary (situate in discipline, research questions, results, discussion and conclusions), grammar (asking questions, formulating hypotheses), citing, paraphrasing and plagiarism.

Students learn to use resources for academic English.

The course is independent of specific disciplines. The approach is multidisciplinary.

Initial competences

Level of English corresponds to competence at the end of secondary school in Flanders (intermediate - CEF: B1)

Final competences

- 1 The students can communicate effectively in English in a scientific context (written and oral).
- 2 They have enhanced competencies in reading and listening in academic English.

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

Guided self-study, seminar, online seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

In addition to limited contact hours, this modular course offers a new technique of distance learning to allow students to practice at their own pace in an individualized way (i.e. flipped classroom). Students also provide peer feedback on the assignments in interactive seminars.

Learning materials and price

Diverse documentation, exercises and assignments on Ufora.

References

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Course content-related study coaching

Teachers as tutors.

Evaluation methods

continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Participation, assignment, skills test

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Permanent evaluation of:

1 written and oral skills;

2 general academic vocabulary knowledge (participation online learning path).

Calculation of the examination mark

100% permanent evaluation. Students need to take all parts of the permanent evaluation in order to be able to pass in 1st session.

Facilities for Working Students

Please consult the instructor.