

German Language Proficiency I: Language Acquisition (A001259)

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

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 1)

German

Gent

lecture

independent work

seminar

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject Dutch - German\)](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject English - German\)](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject French - German\)](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject German - Greek\)](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject German - Italian\)](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject German - Spanish\)](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject German - Swedish\)](#)

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[Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature](#)

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[Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature\(main subject German\)](#)

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Teaching languages

German

Keywords

German, language proficiency

Position of the course

This introductory course familiarizes beginning students with the structure of German and with German vocabulary and teaches them basic linguistic awareness.

Contents

Through this course, students gain a basic knowledge of German vocabulary, syntax, and morphology. The focus is on the inflectional system (including morphosyntax) and on contrasts with Dutch.

Initial competences

Prior command of German is not required, but a sound command of Dutch is necessary. The handbook (with written supplements by the lecturers), which is written in Dutch, is intended to facilitate the transition for Dutch-speaking students with little or no command of German. The lessons are taught in German, from a contrastive perspective based on Dutch. The exam, too, requires a sound command of Dutch.

Final competences

- 1 To demonstrate a basic knowledge of German vocabulary, syntax and inflection on the level of the teaching materials.
- 2 To apply the above-named basic knowledge in (written) usage.
- 3 To demonstrate basic linguistic intuition and awareness.

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: 15 hrs (weekly lecture of 75 mins)
- Seminars: guided exercises: 15 hrs (mandatory weekly sessions in small groups aiming at the practical application of the content of the lectures)
- Practicum: 7.5 hrs (six tutorials with additional exercises and mandatory presence)
- Independent study: 7.5 hrs (mandatory independent study of vocabulary, mandatory independent pronunciation practice using MP3 sound files)

Learning materials and price

Hans G. Lodder, *Basisgrammatica Duits*. Bussum: Coutinho (2004, € 26.00)
Kontext Duits - Woordenschat met oefeningen. Amsterdam/Antwerp: Intertaal (2018, € 25.10)
Available through Ufora: Powerpoint-presentations used by the lecturer during the lectures;
handouts with exercises for the weekly practice session; MP3 sound files for independent pronunciation practice
Handouts with additional exercises for use in the six tutorial sessions

References

Course content-related study coaching

Collective and individual tutoring

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

Assessment moment:
post-sessional

Assessment form:
written exam with Dutch-to-German translation and other tasks

Calculation of the examination mark

100% post-sessional

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance (presence and participation in the practical exercises is mandatory)
- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Feedback can be given by email or during an appointment during or after office hours

Extra information:

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy

