

## English Linguistics II: Syntax and Semantics (A002567)

<b>Course size</b>	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>			
<b>Credits</b> 5.0	<b>Study time</b> 150 h	<b>Contact hrs</b>	45.0 h	

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 2)	English	Gent	lecture
			seminar
			independent work

### Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

De Soete, Alexander	LW06	staff member
Taverniers, Miriam	LW06	lecturer-in-charge

### Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

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<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject Dutch - English)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - German)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - Greek)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - Italian)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - Latin)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - Spanish)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - Swedish)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject French - English)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Linking Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English)</a>	5	A

### Teaching languages

English

### Keywords

English, linguistics, syntax, semantics, grammar

### Position of the course

This advanced course helps students acquire insight into the syntax of the English language and teaches them how to make a grammatical analysis of different construction types of English. This also includes knowledge of word classes and functional categories.

Position of the course in terms of language proficiency: In the second year of the bachelor programme in English, students are expected to develop from a CEFR B2 level into a first-stage C1 level, i.e. C1.1 (first-stage "Expert"/"Effective" proficiency level).

### Contents

Analysis of the syntactic and semantic structure of various construction types in English (including the simple and complex sentence, and several types of phrases).

### Initial competences

To have completed the course English Language Proficiency I or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

To master English at a consolidated B2 level (i.e. B2.2 or B2+, "Functional independent" proficiency).

### **Final competences**

- 1 To have a systematic knowledge of the terminology and the most important insights and findings of modern English descriptive grammar.
- 2 To be able to describe and analyse specific grammatical constructions in English within the terminological and theoretical framework introduced in the course.
- 3 To understand the different functions (stylistic, communicative, etc.) of specific construction types in English.
- 4 To be able to make a more finegrained analysis of specific grammatical problems of English according to different grammatical models.
- 5 To be able to think critically about different approaches to specific grammatical problems of English.
- 6 To make use of digital methods to work collaboratively or individually on project-based research processes.

### **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**

Guided self-study, lecture, lecture: plenary exercises, seminar: coached exercises

### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

Weekly lecture, coaching clinics on a regular basis and interactive exercises in an on-line environment.

*Due to COVID-19 teaching and learning methods are subject to change should this be necessary.*

### **Learning materials and price**

Estimated total cost: 20.00 €.

Course material available through the electronic learning environment (including PowerPoint slides, handouts and exercises with key), handbook, on-line exercises, a wide spectrum of grammar books, available in the departmental library.

### **References**

### **Course content-related study coaching**

Individually (on-line) and in groups (coaching clinics).

### **Evaluation methods**

end-of-term assessment

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

Written examination

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

Written examination

### **Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation**

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation**

not applicable

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

*Assessment moment*

Periodical

*Assessment method*

Written exam (both exam periods). Emphasis on theoretical insight and analysis of structures/sentences.

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

100% periodical: written exam

### **Facilities for Working Students**

Facilities:

- 1 Student attendance during educational activities is required
  - 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
  - 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours
- For more information contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy:  
<https://www.ugent.be/lw/nl/student/studiestudentenbegeleiding/trajectbegeleiding.htm>