

English Linguistics II: Syntax and Semantics (A002567)

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

Credits 5.0 **Study time** 150 h **Contact hrs** 45.0h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023

A (semester 2)	English	Gent	guided self-study	5.0h
			lecture: plenary exercises	5.0h
			seminar: coached exercises	5.0h
			lecture	30.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

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

Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023

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Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - German)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Latin)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Swedish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - English)	5	A
Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English)	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

Lecture: plenary exercises, Guided self-study, Lecture, 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).

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written examination

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

Written examination

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

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:

