

## 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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<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**

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:

