

## Advanced Academic English (A003107)

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

**Credits 3.0** **Study time 90 h**

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

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	seminar independent work
B (semester 2)	English	Gent	seminar independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

Bonic, Natalija	LW06	staff member
Du Pont, Olaf	LW06	staff member
Souffriau, Boris	LW06	staff member
Jacobs, Geert	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
Rosselle, Mieke	LW06	co-lecturer

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

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Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	3	A, B
Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Business Economics	3	A, B
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Management	3	A, B
Master of Science in Teaching in Health Sciences(main subject Medical Sciences)	3	A
Bridging Programme Master of Science in Bioinformatics(main subject Engineering)	3	A, B
Course List for Preparatory Courses for International Students (foreign students)	3	B
Master of Science in Bioinformatics(main subject Bioscience Engineering)	3	A, B
Master of Science in Bioinformatics(main subject Engineering)	3	A, B
Master of Science in Bioinformatics(main subject Systems Biology)	3	A, B
International Master of Science in Agro- and Environmental Nematology	3	A, B
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences	3	A
Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies	3	A, B
Master of Science in Sociology	3	A, B
Research Master of Arts in Philosophy	3	A
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
Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B
Ghent University Elective Courses	3	A, B

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

academic English, academic language acquisition, vocabulary, grammar, writing, speaking

**Position of the course**

The overall objective of the course is to improve the students' English language skills in an academic context. Focus is on writing and speaking skills (academic writing, reporting, giving and attending a presentation, communicating with colleagues and with peers from different fields of study). The course offers speaking and writing assignments at master level (*for an academic English course which offers assignments at bachelor level, please check the course description for A003001, Academic English*).

**Contents**

Academic writing: Students study and practise the use of the most important academic language functions (such as linking, defining, classifying, and comparing) in academic texts. They practise the various stages of the writing process.

Attention is paid to a number of grammatical aspects which are crucial for writing texts at an advanced level (such as relative clauses and verb tenses).

Academic speaking: Students learn how to give a presentation and respond to questions. In addition, they learn how to state their opinion, give arguments, ask questions, explain, report, describe and define.

The course focuses on general aspects of academic English, regardless of the students' area of specialisation. The approach is therefore multidisciplinary.

**Initial competences**

The students' level of English should correspond to that of the final objectives for pupils at the end of secondary school in Flanders. This includes adequate practical knowledge of English as well as good oral and written skills, in addition to relevant attitudes for learning to communicate in English in an advanced academic context.

**Final competences**

- 1 Students can produce quality texts, taking into account the level of English, the register and the content that is required in specialist academic English literature.
- 2 Students can more fluently read, summarize and process academic texts in English in order to prepare for their oral and written assignments.
- 3 Students can express themselves effectively in English in a professional and academic setting.
- 4 Students are able to use tools to support their learning process.

**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**

Seminar, Independent work

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

This course allows students to practise at their own pace in an individualized way through a flipped-classroom approach. Students also provide peer feedback on the assignments in interactive seminars.

**Learning materials and price**

Handouts, exercises and assignments on Ufora.

**References****Course content-related study coaching**

Teachers as tutors: the students are coached in their process of autonomous

learning.

**Assessment moments**

continuous assessment

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

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

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Skills test, Participation, Peer and/or self assessment, Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Permanent evaluation of:

1. written and oral skills (formal and informal academic texts)
2. academic vocabulary and grammar knowledge

**Calculation of the examination mark**

100% permanent evaluation.

**Facilities for Working Students**

Please consult the instructor.