

Lingála I (A003805)

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

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2) Dutch, Lingala Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Phuati Nzita, Lambert	LW21	staff member
Meeuwis, Michael	LW21	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in African Studies	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in African Studies	5	A
Elective Set African Studies	5	A

Teaching languages

Lingala, Dutch

Keywords

Lingala

Position of the course

After Swahili, students are taught a second Afrikan language, namely Lingala.

Contents

After information on the history and sociolinguistic history of Lingala, actually spoken Lingala (as opposed to missionary-colonial designed Lingala) is taught, more in particular the Kinshasa regiolect, as this is the most influential. Learning is achieved through a profound mixture of theory and exercises: through conversationbased language-structural explanations, the basics of the pronunciation, phonology, morphology, syntax, and lexicon is explained.

Initial competences

It is recommended to have passed Inleiding tot de Afrikaanse Taalkunde or to have acquired the equivalent competences. If this is not the case, the student is required to contact the responsible professor prior to the beginning of the academic year.

Final competences

To have knowledge of the history and the sociolinguistics of Lingala and to have acquired a first basic knowledge of its vocabulary, phonology, morphology and syntax.

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

Extra information on the teaching methods

Laptops and smartphones (including smartwatches) are not allowed during class.

Students focus their attention exclusively and without distraction on class content and take notes with pen and paper. Note-taking is better done by hand, see <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2024/11/27/laptop-schrijven-hand-papier-hersenen-leren-studie/>

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Dictionary Lingala-Dutch-Lingala

Indicative price: € 30

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Author : Michael Meeuwis

Alternative : none

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

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Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

Additional information: -- The dictionary will also serve for Lingala II, III and IV.

Type: Syllabus

Name: Syllabus Lingala

Indicative price: € 20

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : No

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Additional information: Will also serve for Lingala II, and partly for III and IV.

Type: Slides

Name: Lingala

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

References will be provided during the classes and/or on Ufora.

Course content-related study coaching

The exercises are corrected and discussed intensively in group.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous 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

Oral assessment, Participation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Calculation of the examination mark

30% non-periodical

70% periodical

Combination of permanent evaluation (participation, oral assessments: 30% of the final mark) and periodic evaluation (written exam, i.e. 70% of the final mark).

A second exam is not possible for the non-periodical assessment: in the resit examination period the same mark applies that was obtained in the first

examination period. The periodical assessment can be redone. If a student does not participate in, or fails for, the assessment of one component (non-periodical or periodical), passing the course unit as a whole is not possible. If the total score turns out to be a mark of 10 or more out of twenty, this is reduced to the highest fail mark (9/20).

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

1. Class attendance is mandatory as it will be included in the calculation of the final score. Classes are not recorded.
2. No online/digital facilities (lectures take place on campus without recordings, except in case of corona measures).
3. It is not possible to take the exam at another time.
4. Possibility to receive feedback at another time: by appointment.

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and Philosophy and <http://www.flw.ugent.be/flexibelstuden>.