

Program of Study: Africa (A003822)

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

Credits 25.0 **Study time 750 h**

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1) English, French Gent independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	crdts	offering
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Teaching languages

French, English

Keywords

Africa semester; international exchange; general courses, elective courses and bachelor's essay

Position of the course

From the 5th semester of their Bachelor's degree, students have to choose between the "Study abroad program: Africa" and the "Study program: Gent University", each worth 50 ECTS. The former is composed of the course unit "Program of Study: Africa" worth 25 ECTS (with code A003822) and of 25 ECTS to be acquired in the Minors and Selection list modules.

Within "Study abroad program: Africa" the unit "Program of Study: Africa " is obligatory.

This study sheet is about "Program of Study: Africa", so A003822 (25 ECTS).

Information about the other courses to be taken can be found in the ECTS sheets of those other courses.

The "Program of Study: Gent University" does not have its own ECTS sheet: the information can be found in the study sheets of the course units that form part of it.

Contents

This is not a "course" in the traditional sense, but refers to the possibility that students are offered to spend a semester at a foreign university. This can be a university within Europe (via the Erasmus program) or in Africa (via what we call the "Africa semester"). Both an experience abroad with Erasmus and the so-called "Africa semester" are therefore administratively and technically subsumed under the name "Program of study: Africa".

In both cases, this is a learning experience at a foreign university with which the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy of Ghent University has an agreement for student mobility. In general, the aim is to deepen the knowledge of the students and to sharpen their international and intercultural competences. The students will perform a package of course units at the partner institution that are related to their UGent training program and that fit within their individual curriculum. This package will be compiled taking into account a number of standards with regard to subject matter and credits established by the study program committee. In order for the student to take maximal advantage of the strengths of the partner institution, there is room for a flexible implementation of this study package, but it will be put

together in such a way that the intended final competences are achieved. The final package of included courses is approved in the Learning Agreement.

Initial competences

For this course, realized through Erasmus or via the "Africa Semester", the student must have acquired at least 105 credits from Ba1 and Ba2 at the time of departure, and must also have chosen a supervisor and a discipline the bachelor's thesis.

Both for an Erasmus exchange and for the "Africa semester", the prospective student must have a high degree of independence, self-reliance and travel skills. For the logistical handling and practical solutions on site (accommodation, transport, locations of classes, health precautions, etc.), the students are to a large extent dependent on themselves or on the partner institution. The curriculum committee in Ghent only deals with the academic part, not the logistical and practical aspects.

Travel grants are available. The curriculum committee provides information about this in advance.

Final competences

Deepening of language knowledge and sensitivity to intercultural diversity.

Conditions for credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Information about teaching methods for the different courses at the partner institution can be consulted in the course catalogue of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Study material

Type: Other

Name: Undetermined

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Additional information: Study materials will be determined by the choice of the courses in the various traject-options.

References

Information about references for the different courses at the partner institution can be consulted in the course catalogue of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Course content-related study coaching

Information about course-content related study coaching for the different courses at the partner institution can be consulted in the course catalogue of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Skills test, Oral assessment, Participation, Written assessment with open-ended questions, Presentation, Written assessment, Assignment

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

Skills test, Oral assessment, Participation, Written assessment with open-ended questions, Presentation, Written assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Oral assessment, Skills test, Participation, Presentation, Written assessment with open-ended questions, Written assessment, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Information about evaluation methods for the different courses at the partner institution can be consulted in the course catalogue of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Calculation of the examination mark

For all courses in the study programme taken up abroad, the final score is given at the partner institution. Grades are converted to a scale of 20. If available, the ECTS grading table is used for this.

Facilities for Working Students

Information concerning facilities for working students will depend on the modalities as stipulated by the partner institutes. Information can be obtained through the partner institutes or with the UGent promotor of the agreement.