

South-Slavonic Language Semester (A005052)

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

Credits 25.0

Study time 750 h

Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 1)	(language of instruction unknown)	Gent
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Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Troch, Pieter	LW21	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures	crdts	offering
	25	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

South-East European semester; language semester; international exchange;
language courses; culture courses

Position of the course

The course unit 'Study program: South-Slavonic language' consists in a study experience at a foreign institute of higher education with which the program East European Languages and Cultures has an exchange agreement (henceforth 'partner institute'). In general, the aim of the study unit is to deepen the students' knowledge and to hone their international and intercultural competences.

Students take up a package of courses from the partner institution which are directly related to their UGent educational trajectory and which fit in their individual curricula. While composing this package, it is necessary to take into account certain standards (themes and credits) as established by the program committee. In order to make sure the strengths of the partner institute will be maximized, there is room for a flexible interpretation of this study package. It will be composed in such a way, though, that the final competences can be achieved. The final package of separate course units is approved in the so-called Learning Agreement.

Contents

'Study program: South-Slavonic language' allows the student to stay at a partner institute for the duration of a semester. The student composes an individual program on the basis of the criteria drawn up by the program committee. The contents of these courses may vary depending on the chosen partner institution. When choosing course units for her / his individual trajectory, the student takes into consideration the explicit added value of the course units she / he chooses.

During the semester abroad students take up 25 credits. They choose at least 15 and a maximum of 25 credits of language acquisition and language-related courses, and a maximum of 10 credits of culture subjects or subjects that are related to their 'minor' trajectory. At least 15 credits of the total, but preferably the full 25, have to be followed in the regional language (Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Slovenian or Bulgarian), in order to make sure the students experience a real 'immersion'.

Initial competences

In order to enjoy the full benefits of studying at a partner institute, students should, at the beginning of their semester abroad, have obtained at least 108 ECTS. In any case students need to have successfully completed Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I and II, Slovenian I and II or Bulgarian I and II. Students need to have followed all courses of the third semester of the program, but need not by definition to have completed all exams successfully. In exceptional cases the study program may depart from this rule.

Final competences

- 1 Having a strong language awareness and developing a sensitivity to the similarities, differences and interactions between cultures.
- 2 Adequately interpreting, analysing and assessing written and oral communication in the language of the host country, including messages of a specialised nature.
- 3 Expressing oneself in complex, communicative situations in the studied languages appropriate to the purpose, target group and media.
- 4 Having a command of the foreign language, at least at B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- 5 Acting in a correct and tactful manner and with attention to cultural diversity in different communicative situations by deploying acquired competences and understanding of similarities, differences and interactions between cultures.
- 6 To get in touch with and acquire first hand knowledge about the culture and society of the host country.
- 7 Critically assessing situations from a broad and multiple cultural perspective.
- 8 Displaying intellectual curiosity and a lifelong learning attitude.

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

Extra information on the teaching methods

Information about the teaching methods used within the foreign study package can be consulted in the study guide of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Study material

None

References

Information about the references for the foreign study package can be consulted in the study guide of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Course content-related study coaching

Information about the course content-related study coaching of the foreign study package can be consulted in the study guide 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, Written assessment, Assignment

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

Skills test, Oral assessment, Written assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Oral assessment, Skills test, Written assessment, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Information about the evaluation methods used within the foreign study package can be consulted in the study guide of the partner institution or can be requested directly from the partner institution.

Calculation of the examination mark

For each course unit of the foreign study package, the final score calculation conforms the regulations and habits of 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

None