

## Language, Culture and Society in Africa (A005325)

**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 Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

Meeuwis, Michael	LW21	lecturer-in-charge
Gunnink, Hilde	LW21	co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027**

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<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Linking Course Master of Arts in African Studies</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Preparatory Course Master of Arts in African Studies</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Elective Set African Studies</a>	5	A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Africa; Language; Culture; Society; Decolonisation

**Position of the course**

This course is aimed at familiarizing the first-year students with the basic knowledge on language, culture, and society in Africa. It is in this way complementary with the first-semester course Inleiding tot de Afrikaanse taalkunde, which is linguistic-technical in nature.

**Contents**

This course discusses the African linguistic landscape from a sociolinguistic and linguistic-anthropological perspective, including the colonial and postcolonial legacy that characterizes that landscape and matters of decolonization.

**Initial competences**

Good passive knowledge of both English and French. This in order to be able to follow and understand the video, sound and text fragments from Africa in these languages.

**Final competences**

To have gained insight in the main concepts, approaches and facts with regard to language, culture and society in Africa and engage with them in a decolonial way.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

**Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

**Teaching methods**

Lecture

**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/>

Classes are not recorded.

### **Study material**

Type: Syllabus

Name: syllabus Taal, Cultuur en Samenleving in Afrika

Indicative price: € 20

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : No

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Slides

Name: Taal, Cultuur en Samenleving in Afrika

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

### **References**

References are provided during the classes.

### **Course content-related study coaching**

Feedback during every phase of the learning process (on appointment).

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term 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**

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

not applicable

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

Written examination

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

100% Periodic evaluation.

### **Facilities for Working Students**

Facilities:

1. Class attendance is recommended to successfully complete the course. 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>.