

Study Abroad Project (A005460)

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

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent		
			independent work	
			excursion	0.0h
			group work	0.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Geerardyn, Tilde	LW21	staff member
Dhooge, Ben	LW21	lecturer-in-charge
Troch, Pieter	LW21	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

	crdts	offering
Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Intercultural competence, integration into the host country, foreign language acquisition

Position of the course

This course unit consists of two parts

- an online application, which aims to enrich the student's study stay abroad by means of assignments
- a larger assignment, in which the student actively works with the target language.

Contents

The computer application SALSA consists of 9 assignments that increase the quantity and quality of linguistic interaction in the target language and promote cultural integration. The students complete three assignments per month and upload them in the online application at set times. The larger assignment is a personal assignment about language, culture and current affairs. For both parts of the course, students make actively (receptive and productive) use of the target language.

Initial competences

No specific starting competences required, except for meeting the conditions to take up the semester abroad or the domestic program (including the required language proficiency level).

Final competences

- 1 To further develop and improve the receptive and productive skills in the target language.
- 2 To develop intercultural competences and intercultural sensitivity.
- 3 To develop insight into of interactional situations and develop the pragmatic competence to participate in interactions with native speakers in various (formal and informal) situations.
- 4 To develop socio-affective competences in international communicative contexts.
- 5 To develop an attitude towards lifelong learning.

6 To conduct a limited research into language, culture and current affairs and submit this in the target language.

7 To make critical use of media in Eastern Europe to gain insight into topical debates

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

Group work, Excursion, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

excursion / independent work: the nine assignments via Salsa and the final assignment require interaction of the student with the environment in the host country, and also good time management: the assignments must be submitted at set times

independent work: the students complete the assignments; the personal assignment requires not only interaction of the student with the environment in the host country, but also a small independent investigation

Study material

None

References

Course content-related study coaching

Klik om te ediInteractive support via SALSALSA and via online consultation with the lecturers

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

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

The portfolio of assignments and the paper are assessed.

An exam in the second examination period is only possible in an amended form.

Calculation of the examination mark

SALSALSA and portfolio: 60%

Paper: 40%

The student must participate in all parts of the evaluation in order to pass.

If a student does not participate in the evaluation of or receives less than 10/20 for one of the parts, she/he can no longer pass the entire course. If the average final score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, this will be reduced to the highest unsuccessful grade (9/20).

Facilities for Working Students

Attendance is compulsory because it is also graded for the final score of the course.

No possibility to take an exam at a different time.

Possibility of feedback at a different time: please make an appointment.