

## Spanish Linguistics: Introduction (A005696)

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

**Credits 3.0** **Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027**

A (semester 2)	Spanish	Gent	lecture	0.0h
			seminar	0.0h
			independent work	0.0h

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

Legaz Torregrosa, Helena	LW06	staff member
Enghels, Renata	LW06	lecturer-in-charge

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

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<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Spanish)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Spanish)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Spanish)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Iberian-Romance Languages)</a>	3	A

**Teaching languages**

Spanish

**Keywords**

Spanish, linguistics, history, phonetics, semantics, syntax, sentence analysis, grammar

**Position of the course**

This course helps students to acquire basic notions of Spanish linguistics and grammar.  
Exchange students may take this course. It does not require knowledge of Dutch.

**Contents**

- General introduction to (Spanish) notions of linguistics
- General overview of the history of Spanish
- Phonetics and phonology of contemporary Spanish: description of the Spanish sound system, phonetic structure and prosody
- The students are also initiated in semantics with notions such as polysemy, homonymy, synonymy,...
- Syntactic analysis of the simple clause (blended learning).
- Level of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages : A2/B1.

**Initial competences**

Students have followed the course Spanish language proficiency I or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means. Starting level: A1/A2.

**Final competences**

- 1 To have insight into the basic structures of Spanish and its evolution.
- 2 To have insight into the phonetic system of Spanish.
- 3 To acquire basic knowledge of semantics.
- 4 To have insight into the syntactic analysis of a simple Spanish clause. To be able to analyze the simple clause at a formal, functional and structural level.

- 5 Be able to apply in a correct written Spanish the linguistic notions that are discussed during the lectures.
- 6 To dispose of a strong awareness of language and its role in human interactions and cultural production.
- 7 To be familiar with the basic concepts, and inter- and transdisciplinary possibilities of Digital humanities.

#### 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

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

#### Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

#### Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures: theory. Several topics are supported by videos on Ufora.
- Seminar: exercises (introduction to linguistic notions, semantics & syntactic analysis, phonetic transcription).
- For the grammatical and syntactic analysis the blended learning principle is applied: students prepare the contents at home by passing learning paths on Ufora. These include animated videos, tests and enquiries. The contents is then further discussed and practiced during the lectures.
- For each topic a set of interactive self-evaluation tests (incl. direct feedback) is provided on Ufora.
- Lecture-based sessions can be recorded and made available to specific target groups (upon request).

#### Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: LINGÜÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA Introducción a la lingüística, Historia del Español, Semántica, Fonética y Fonología

Indicative price: € 10

Optional: no

Language : Other

Number of Pages : 105

Oldest Usable Edition : 2024

Available on Ufora : No

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : Yes

Type: Syllabus

Name: Análisis sintáctico

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Number of Pages : 50

Oldest Usable Edition : 2025

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Slides

Name: LINGÜÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA Introducción a la lingüística, Historia del Español, Semántica, Fonética y Fonología - slides

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Number of Slides : 400

Oldest Usable Edition : 2024

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Audiovisual Material

Name: LINGÜÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA : Introducción a la lingüística, Historia del Español, Semántica, Fonética y Fonología -  
kennisclips

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

### References

- Gómez Torrego, Leonardo, & Ignacio Bosque (2005). Análisis Sintáctico: Teoría Y Práctica. Madrid: SM.
- Matte Bon F. Gramática comunicativa del español
- Moliner M. Diccionario de uso del español
- Navarro, J.M. / Navarro Ramil, A.J. (2008): Thematische woordenschat Spaans, Amsterdam: Intertaal.
- RAE: Nueva gramática básica de la lengua española (recommended)
- Van Dale: Groot woordenboek Spaans-Nederlands / Nederlands-Spaans (recommended)

### Course content-related study coaching

Professor (theory) and assistant (exercises)

Students are strongly encouraged to engage in interaction, to ask questions during the classes, and to take additional notes.

### 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

- Open theoretical questions on phonetics, semantics and the history of Spanish.  
Practice: sentence analysis, phonetic transcription and semantics.
- Student attendance during lectures (theory and practice) is strongly advised.

### Calculation of the examination mark

- 100% written exam

### Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance.
- 2 Feedback can be given by email