

Spanish: Grammar B (A703085)

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

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 2)

Dutch, Spanish

Gent

independent work
seminar

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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LW22

lecturer-in-charge

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LW22

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Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Language Studies: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Spanish)
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Bachelor of Arts in Applied Language Studies: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Spanish)
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Interpreting: a combination of at least two languages, Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages and Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Spanish)
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Teaching languages

Spanish, Dutch

Keywords

Spanish; Grammar

Position of the course

The study unit "Spanish: Grammar B" (S1SB) teaches students not only to recognize and analyze the basic structures of Spanish, but also to express themselves in a grammatically correct manner, with a view to other study units and to the subsequent years.

Contents

This study unit covers the following basic structures:

- the simple and compound sentences
- the use of modes and tenses
- passive voice constructions and their use
- the use of 'ser' and 'estar'

The course is thematically organized. The approach is mainly normative, and contrastive where appropriate. The exercises are both receptive (analysis) and productive (gap-filling exercises and some translation exercises).

Initial competences

- the student is familiar with the terminology of the word types and the modes and tenses of the verb in Spanish;
- the student is able to apply the basic rules of the Spanish grammar with regard to the word types and to conjugate the verbs in all modes and tenses.

Final competences

- 1 Having a command of Spanish structures at B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, in terms of writing skills, provided that the competences of S1SA and S1PA have been previously acquired. (B.1.2 assessed)
- 2 Having a command of the basic structures of the Spanish language with regard to the syntax of the simple and the compound sentences, the use of modes and tenses, the formation and use of the passive voice and the use of 'ser' and 'estar'. (B.1.2 assessed)
- 3 Having a command of the basic terminology of the Spanish grammar regarding the syntax of the simple and the compound sentences, the use of modes and tenses, the construction and use of the passive voice and the use of 'ser' and 'estar'. (B.1.3 assessed)
- 4 Recognizing and independently interpreting grammar structures of the Spanish language, with close attention to the analysis of the simple and the compound sentence and with attention to contrastive aspects (Spanish versus Dutch). [B.1.3 assessed]
- 5 Having knowledge of reference works and electronic aids, using them adequately and efficiently retrieving specific information about Spanish grammar. [B.2.2, not assessed]
- 6 Having a strong language awareness. [B.3.1, not assessed]
- 7 Thinking and reasoning analytically and creatively in order to solve unfamiliar, complex problems, that is, to analyze known structures in a new configuration. [B.3.2 assessed]
- 8 Displaying intellectual curiosity and a lifelong learning attitude. [B.3.4 not assessed]

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

Seminar, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures, seminars en guided self-study. Due to COVID19 the teaching methods may be subject to change (e.g., online teaching).

Learning materials and price

Text book:

Vanden Bulcke Patricia (2018 or latest edition). *A ver... Deel 2: Spaanse zinsstructuren, Handboek met oefeningen*. Gent: Academia Press.
(Recommended price: 22,5 euros)

Learning platform:

1. PowerPoints (theory) on Ufora
2. Exercises on Ufora

References

Reference works (=NOT compulsory textbook materials):

- Bosque, I., & Demonte, V. (1999). *Gramática descriptiva de la lengua española*. Espasa.
- Butt, J., Benjamin, C., & Moreira Rodríguez, A. (2019). *A New Reference Grammar of Modern Spanish. Sixth Edition*. Routledge.
- Freysselinard, É. (1998). *Ser y estar: Le verbe être en espagnol: règles, exercices, lexique*. Ophrys.
- Vandaele, J. & Neyens, M. (2014) 'El subjuntivo y la mente.' En: Fernández, S. S., &

Falk, J. (eds) (2014). *Temas de gramática española para estudiantes universitarios: Una aproximación cognitiva y funcional*. Peter Lang.

Course content-related study coaching

Additional exercises on the Ufora platform.

Supporting discussion forum on the Ufora learning environment.

Opportunity to ask questions as a follow-up to the teaching, via e-mail or by appointment during office hours.

In the last week there is a mock exam that is completely in the same style as the proper exam.

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

First examination period:

Written exam (100%)

Mainly (ca 2/3) gap-filling exercises and a translation exercise, covering all the study material, in the same format as the exercises in the textbook or on the learning platform;

A limited number (ca 1/3) of questions that give evidence of insight (analysis and meta language).

Second examination period: idem

Calculation of the examination mark

The final mark is the result of the written exam. In order to pass (i.e. in order to obtain 10 out of 20) a score of 60% is required for the written exam.

Facilities for Working Students

Possibility to be exempted from attendance.

The theoretical lectures are made digitally available on the Ufora platform.

Feedback can be given by appointment during office hours.

Addendum

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