

## English for Criminologists (B001655)

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

**Credits 5.0**

**Study time 150 h**

### Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2)

English

Gent

### Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Jacobs, Geert

LW06

lecturer-in-charge

Michels, Marilyn

LW06

co-lecturer

### Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Bachelor of Science in Criminological Sciences](#)

**crdts**

5

**offering**

A

### Teaching languages

English

### Keywords

English, criminology, language acquisition

### Position of the course

This course is an optional course and aims to improve the students' English language proficiency in an academic context. This includes academic writing skills, reading and understanding domain-specific texts and oral competence (listening to and giving a presentation in English, communicating with peers). The course contributes to the following programme competences: B 3.2.; B 4.1.; B 4.3.; B4.4.

### Contents

- Texts: subject-oriented texts (academic writing, legal writing, etc.)
- Writing skills: formal, academic texts in which students learn to process more complex data and express their personal opinion.
- Grammar: pragmatically reviewing grammar items to support the skills
- Vocabulary: presented in several thematic modules
- Oral skills: giving presentations and participating in discussions or debates, professional conversations,...

### Initial competences

The students' level of English should correspond to that of the final objectives for pupils at the end of secondary school in Flanders. This includes good oral and written skills, in addition to sufficient understanding in and relevant attitudes for learning to communicate in English in an academic context. They also have some experience with writing texts in their domain (in the mother tongue). Basic computer skills are required to access and manipulate materials delivered electronically (i.e. Windows environment, MS Word, Internet)

### Final competences

- 1 The students are able to communicate more effectively in English both in a social, professional and academic context.
- 2 They are capable of reading academic and formal texts fluently and of actively using criminological jargon and formal terminology.
- 3 They are able to deliver presentations for a specific target audience and with a specific aim, be it an informal conversation or a professional conversation with peers.

### Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

(Approved)

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Seminar, Independent work

**Study material**

Type: Slides

Name: slides

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Type: Handouts

Name: handouts

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

**References**

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**Course content-related study coaching**

Interactive guidance and support via Ufora (forums, email). Personal: following an electronic appointment.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous 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****Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Skills test, Assignment

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

examination during the second examination period is possible

**Extra information on the examination methods**

- end of term: written exam
- continuous:
  - oral: presentations, debates, interview
  - written: paper, preparation debates, emails

**Calculation of the examination mark**

- 50% end-of-term assessment
- 50% continuous assessment

*In the event of non-participation in evaluations or missing a deadline:*

- *legitimate: the evaluation will be done at a later date*
- *illegitimate: the score for that evaluation is 0*

**Facilities for Working Students**

Please consult the instructor.