

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 2026-2027

A (semester 2) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Jacobs, Geert	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
Michels, Marilyn	LW06	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Science in Criminological Sciences	5	A
Master of Science in Criminological Sciences	5	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

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.