

Introduction to Flemish Sign Language (D012276)

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 2025-2026

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

independent work

group work

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

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offering

Master of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Audiology)

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Master of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Logopaedics)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Languages (abridged programme)(main subject African Languages and Cultures)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (abridged programme)(main subject Archaeology)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (abridged programme)(main subject Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Biochemistry and Biotechnology)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Bioengineering)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Biology)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Economics (abridged programme)(main subject Business Administration)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Economics (abridged programme)(main subject Business Economics)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Chemistry)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Communication Science)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Computer Science)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Criminological Sciences)

4

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Master of Science in Teaching in Languages (abridged programme)(main subject East European Languages and Cultures)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Economics (abridged programme)(main subject Economics)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Behavioural Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Educational Sciences)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Engineering and Technology)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Geography and Geomatics)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Geology)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (abridged programme)(main subject History)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Laws)

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Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Mathematics)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Health Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Medical Sciences)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (abridged programme)(main subject Moral Sciences)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages (abridged programme)(main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Health Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Pharmaceutical Sciences)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (abridged programme)(main subject Philosophy)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)(main subject Physics and Astronomy)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Political Science)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Behavioural Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Psychology)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Economics (abridged programme)(main subject Public Administration and Management)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Health Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Social Health Sciences)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Sociology)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Health Sciences (abridged programme)(main subject Veterinary Medicine)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Behavioural Sciences (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Economics (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Health Sciences (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Physical Education (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology (abridged programme)	4	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (abridged programme)	4	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Flemish Sign Language, Deaf Culture, Flemish Deaf Community

Position of the course

Professionals working within the context of language and communication will profit from an insight into the linguistic aspects of Flemish Sign Language, a basic competence in Flemish Sign Language and insights in the Flemish Deaf community.

Contents

Linguistic aspects of sign languages versus spoken languages, with specific focus on phonological, morphosyntactic, lexical and sociolinguistic aspects of Flemish Sign Language.

Initial competences

No requirements concerning prior knowledge of Flemish Sign Language and the Deaf community in Flanders.

Final competences

- 1 Analyzing the phonological, morphosyntactic and lexical structures of Flemish Sign Language
- 2 Evaluating existing views on deafness, Flemish Sign Language and Deaf culture
- 3 Interpreting the sociolinguistic context and aspects of Deaf culture
- 4 Interpreting the developmental linguistic context and educational context of deaf children
- 5 A limited basic language proficiency in Flemish Sign Language
- 6 Project-based interdisciplinary collaboration to translate content into a practical

context

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

Group work, Lecture, Practical, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Weekly lecture
- 1 practical: limited language skills VGT
- 1 group work: interdisciplinary
- Independent work: pre-processing scientific literature

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Grammatical aspects of the Flemish-Belgian Sign Language

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Author : Vermeerbergen

References

Course content-related study coaching

In group; individual guidance is possible.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

1. Continuous evaluation: interdisciplinary group work (20%)
2. end-of-term evaluation: oral exam

Calculation of the examination mark

Oral exam (16/20)

Group work (4/20)

Students who do not take part in the assessment of all the parts of the course evaluation cannot pass the course evaluation as a whole. Should the average mark be higher than 10/20, the final mark will be reduced to the highest non-pass mark (= 9/20).

Facilities for Working Students

1. Exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance is possible, but not from NPE-assignment.
2. It is possible to reschedule the examination to a different time in the same academic year.
3. Feedback can be given by email or by appointment.