

## Introduction to Flemish Sign Language (D013880)

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

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

**Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027**

A (semester 1) Dutch Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

Van Herreweghe, Mieke LW06 lecturer-in-charge

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

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<a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Audiology)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Logopaedics)</a>	3	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, sociolinguistic and language acquisitional 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

**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**

Lecture, Practical, Independent work

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

- Weekly lecture
- 1 practical: limited language skills VGT
- Independent work: pre-processing scientific literature
- Lecture recordings will be available for the students in this course

## **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 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**

### **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 evaluation: oral exam

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

Oral exam 100%

### **Facilities for Working Students**

1. Exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance is possible.
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.