

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

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Audiology)	3	A
Bachelor of Science in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences(main subject Logopaedics)	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 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.