Academic English for Communication Science Students (K001195)

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 2024-2025

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	seminar	0.0h
B (semester 2)	English	Gent	seminar	0.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Jacobs, Geert	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
Rosselle, Mieke	LW06	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025	**crdts**	**offering**
Bachelor of Science in Communication Science	4	A, B

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

academic English, academic language, vocabulary, grammar, communicative skills, communication science

Position of the course

This course aims to strengthen students' proficiency in English in an academic context. It offers an introduction into a number of essential academic communicative skills in English as well as expanding their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary with a view to wide-ranging academic needs in the domain of communication science.

Contents

The following 3 skills are central within an academic context:
- writing
- reading
- speaking

Also: structure, style, vocabulary (situate in discipline, research questions, results, discussion and conclusions), grammar, formulating research questions, citing, paraphrasing and plagiarism.
Students learn to use resources for academic English.
The course is focused on general academic English but also looks at specific needs for communication science.

Initial competences

1. Students passed the preceding year(s) of the 'Communication Science' programme (*recommended*); and
2. students' level of English corresponds to the competence in English at the end of secondary school in Flanders (intermediate - CEF: B1).

Final competences

1 The students can communicate effectively in English in an academic context (written and oral).
2 They have enhanced skills in reading and listening in academic English.
3 They are able to use tools to support their learning process in line with integrity (incl. responsible use of GenAI where relevant).

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

The interactive classes are prepared by students at their own pace in an individualized way through a flipped-classroom approach.
Class attendance is strongly recommended and mandatory in certain weeks as part of continuous assessment (please check the semester schedule in Ufora >Content>Table of Contents>Semester Schedule). We do not stream or record any classes.

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

Course content-related study coaching

Teachers as tutors: the students are coached in their process of autonomous learning. Students also provide peer feedback on spoken and written assignments in the interactive seminars.

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Skills test, Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Continuous assessment of:
1 oral and written skills (formal and informal texts)
2 academic vocabulary and grammar knowledge

Calculation of the examination mark

100% permanent evaluation.

Facilities for Working Students

contact your teacher