Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Language, Culture and Society in Africa (A005325)

Course

Course offerings in academic year 2019-2020
A (semester 2) Dutch

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
Meeuwis, Michael LW21 lecturer-in-charge
Gunnink, Hilde LW21 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020
Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures 5 A
Linking Course Master of Arts in African Studies 5 A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in African Studies 5 A

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Africa, Language, Culture; Society

Position of the course
This course is aimed at familiarizing the first-year students with the basic knowledge on language, culture, and society in Africa. It is complementary with the first-semester course Inleiding tot de Afrikaanse Taalkunde, which is linguistic-technical in nature.

Contents
This course discusses the African language landscape from a sociolinguistic perspective, including the colonial and post-colonial legacy that marks it, functions and statutes, language contact, language and city, language and generations, pre-colonial writing systems in Africa and others.

Initial competences
No specific prerequisites.

Final competences
1. Having acquired an insight into the relations between language(use) and culture/society in Africa.
2. Having acquired a basic knowledge of the sociolinguistic landscape in Africa.
3. Having acquired an insight into and knowledge of the most important concepts and approaches concerning language, culture, and society.
4. Having acquired an insight into the relations between colonialism and hierarchising language policies
5. Having acquired an insight in multilingualism and how this relates to nation-state formation in Africa.

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
Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods
Lecture, lecture: response lecture

(Proposal)
Extra information on the teaching methods
   Lecture sessions
Learning materials and price
   Syllabus, max 20 euro.
References

Course content-related study coaching
   Feedback during every phase of the learning process (on appointment).

Evaluation methods
   end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
   Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
   Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
   not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
   Written examination

Calculation of the examination mark
   Periodic

Facilities for Working Students
   1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
   2. No possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year.
   3. Feedback can be given by email, telephone or during an appointment during or before office hours.
   For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and Philosophy and http://www.flw.ugent.be/flexibelstuderen.