Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Academic English for Communication Science Students (K001195)

Course

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020
A (semester 2) English seminar 30.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
Jacobs, Geert LW06 lecturer-in-charge
Rosselle, Mieke LW06 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020 crds offering
Bachelor of Science in Communication Science 4 A

Teaching languages
English

Keywords
Scientific 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 4 skills are central within a scientific context:
- writing (a.o. literature review)
- reading (a.o. scientific article)
- speaking (a.o. short presentations and interactions in an academic context)

Also: vocabulary (situate in discipline, research questions, results, discussion and conclusions), grammar (asking questions, formulating hypotheses), 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
Level of English corresponds to competence at the end of secondary school in Flanders (intermediate - CEF: B1)

Final competences
1 The students can communicate effectively in English in a scientific context (written and oral).
2 They have basic competencies in reading and listening in academic English.

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

(Approved)
Guided self-study, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
Seminar with interaction and feedback. The modular course also offers a new technique of distance learning, i.e. 'flipped classroom', to allow students to practise at their own pace in an individualized way. Students also learn how to provide one another with peer feedback related to the course-related assignments.

Learning materials and price
Diverse documentation, exercises and assignments on Minerva and ACCO online learning platform.
Syllabus ACCO.
Price:
-ACCO syllabus + online learning platform: +/- 20 euros (ACCO members: 14.45 euros)
-Academic Vocabulary in Use: +/- 27 euros

References
none

Course content-related study coaching
Teachers as tutors

Evaluation methods
continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Written examination with multiple choice questions, assignment, skills test

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods
1 continuous assessment of oral and written skills
2 in-between vocabulary test (general academic vocabulary)

Calculation of the examination mark
100% permanent evaluation. Students need to take all parts of the permanent evaluation in order to be able to pass in 1st session.

Facilities for Working Students
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