Academic English (A003001)

Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Course Specifications

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021
- Bonic, Natalija (LW06) staff member
- Cools, Elise (LW06) staff member
- Jacobs, Geert (LW06) lecturer-in-charge
- Rosselle, Mieke (LW06) co-lecturer

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

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Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
- Credits 3.0
- Study time 90 h
- Contact hrs 15.0 h

(Approved)
Exchange Programme Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences 3 A, B
Exchange programme in Economics and Business Administration 3 A, B
Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences 3 A, B
Linking Course Master of Arts in Gender and Diversity 3 B
Ghent University Elective Courses 3 A, B
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Preparatory Course for International Students (Foreign Students) 3 A
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Teaching languages
English

Keywords
Scientific English, academic language, vocabulary, grammar, communicative skills

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 and it aims to expand their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Contents
The following 3 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 independent of specific disciplines. The approach is multidisciplinary.

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 enhanced 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
Guided self-study, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
In addition to limited contact hours, this modular course offers a new technique of distance learning to allow students to practice at their own pace in an individualized
way (i.e. flipped classroom). Students also provide peer feedback on the assignments in interactive seminars.

Learning materials and price

Course notes Acco.
Diverse documentation, exercises and assignments on Minerva and ACCO online learning platform.
Price:
- syllabus + Sofia: +/- 20 euros
- Academic Vocabulary in Use: +/- 30 euros.

References

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 permanent evaluation of written and oral 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
Please consult the instructor.