Interactive Competence in German : Academic German

5 credits

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15.0 h + 22.5 h

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Teacher(s)	Beck Philippe ;			
Language :	Deutsch			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	 Enlargement of vocabulary : qualitative and quantitative development of the academic vocabulary that is necessary in professional and academic life. Improvement of writing skills : development of lexical and linguistic instruments that are necessary for understanding long and complex academic texts and for the production of clearly, fluently, and well structured texts. Improvement of speaking skills : development of the ability to give presentations in professional and academic life and to formulate ideas and opinions with precision. 			
Aims	To develop a conversational competence in German at the level of " proficient user " in the four skills. The course has the aim to sensitise the student for the different variants of using German. We explore especially the registers of spoken and written academic German. The student will be able : - To understand complicated texts, i.e. texts that contain academic argumentation and meanings that are not signaled explicitly (only implied meanings). - To participate efficiently in conversations in his social, professional and academic life. - To express himself in clear, well-structured texts on academic topics, using academic vocabulary in coherent discourse. - To follow complex presentations/talks, also if they are not clearly structured. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s)			
Evaluation methods	 can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit". Continuous evaluation through group work and personal work and final evaluation by means of a written and oral exam. 			
Teaching methods				
Content	At the beginning, we will focus on the development of the vocabulary of professional and academic German. Two types of vocabularies will be developed: a general professional and academic vocabulary, and a specific professional and academic vocabulary as it is used in professional, academic and scientific texts. In a second step, we will turn to discourse and linguistic skills that are necessary to understand complex texts and discourse at the academic level and to write professional and academic texts. Different kinds of exercises will be used to improve the conversational competence, the ability to give presentations and the stylistic academic competence.			
Bibliography				
Other infos	Support : syllabus			
Faculty or entity in charge	LMOD			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Master [120] in Linguistics	LING2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M	5		٩	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M1	5		٩	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M1	5		٩	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German	GERM2M	5		٩	