

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GERM2233 Reading comprehension and vocabulary extension: economic and commercial texts in English

[30h] 6 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

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Language: English
Level: Second cycle

Aims

At the end of the course, students should be able to understand economic and commercial texts in English and have acquired a solid vocabulary in these areas.

Main themes

The course is based on a detailed description of the linguistic (grammatical, lexical and stylistic) features that are typical of the economic and commercial domain as opposed to other registers of the English language. It focuses particularly on significantly increasing specialised vocabulary to enable students to easily understand any text in this domain.

Articles from newspapers, magazines, scientific books and websites are used for reading comprehension and vocabulary extension exercises.

Content and teaching methods

The course is based on a detailed analysis of economic and commercial English using original texts. These articles are centred on important themes, particularly macro-economics, trade, sales techniques, accounting, the management and structure of companies, insurance and banking. Various exercises and internet research are used to enhance reading skills and vocabulary extension in this domain.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisites: B1 level of oral and written English (Common European Framework of Reference).

Evaluation: Continuous assessment (vocabulary tests, reports) + written examination: reading comprehension questions on original texts which include a theme already seen in class and vocabulary exercises based on vocabulary studied in class.

Course materials: Texts used include current economic affairs, theoretical texts on economic issues and internet and newspaper articles.

Other credits in programs

GERM21/BN	Première licence en langues et littératures germaniques (Anglais et Néerlandais)	(6 credits)
MULT21MS	Première année de master en communication multilingue, à finalité spécialisée en langues des affaires	(6 credits)
MULT22MS	Deuxième année de master en communication multilingue, à finalité spécialisée en langues des affaires	(6 credits)