Université catholique de Louvain - Listening comprehension and specialised (business) English oral exercises - en-cours-2023-langl2710



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Language :	English					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Prerequisites	B2 level of the 'Common European Framework for Languages'.					
Main themes	The main aim of this course is to improve students' listening comprehension skills and to develop their knowledge of (specialised) vocabulary. The course also aims to improve students' oral skills in addition to revising certain grammatical points.					
	Listening Comprehension At the end of this course students can follow recordings of interviews, discussions, presentations, documentaries etc. featuring both native and non-native speakers with various accents talking about complex business topics (e.g. training, finance and banking, strategy etc.) and are able to take notes, select relevant information, understand specialised terminology and answer questions based on the recordings. Level C1 of the "Common European Framework for Languages " Speaking Skills - Individual: At the end of this course students can • give their opinion on the topics in the recordings and texts covered in class. • make a presentation based on a subject related to one of the themes covered in class (group presentations).					
	Speaking Skills - Interactive: At the end of this course students can participate fluently and effectively in discussions in class. 2 Emphasis is on: • content management • spoken fluency • coherence and cohesion • vocabulary range • grammatical accuracy • phonological control • presentation techniques Level B2+ of the "Common European Framework for Languages "					
	 Reading Comprehension At the end of this course students can • read specialised business texts and are able to select what is important or relevant for a specific task or to answer a specific question. • understand specialised terminology in texts e.g. business vocabulary, idiomatic expressions etc. Level C1 of the "Common European Framework for Languages " 					

Continuous assessment - 15%

Mini-presentation - 5%

Students have to make a short mini-presentation (3 minutes, one slide, no notes) based on a topic related to their field of study.

The mini-presentation will be followed by a group discussion. The aim of the presentation is to give students the opportunity to make a presentation and to receive feedback (peer reviewing) on their presentation (structure, presentation techniques, language skills, etc.) before the group presentation at the end of the term.

Le Répétiteur files - 10%

Students have a written test in class on the following files from Le Répétiteur: 'Expressions idiomatiques de base', 'Fautes de grammaire les plus fréquentes' et 'Fautes de vocabulaire les plus fréquentes'. This material is considered to be self-tuition material.

Important:

Evaluation methods

The dates for the mini-presentations and the test on Le Répétiteur are scheduled in advance. All students are
expected to be present. Students who are absent for (one of) these parts will get zero for the part(s) they do
not complete.

Oral exam - 25%

Students have to make a group presentation based on a subject related to their field of study. Each group is allocated 20 minutes for their presentation (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes question time). The speaking time should be divided equally between the members of the group and everyone has to do a part of the presentation proper. Students have to use visual aids during their presentation.

Students are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- presentation skills/techniques (structure, body language, eye contact, visuals, etc.)
- content (argumentation, vocabulary range, use of grammatical constructions, presentation language, etc.)
- accuracy (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, stress, etc.)
- fluency (communication skills, interaction, etc

The group presentations take place in December. The dates are scheduled in advance. All students are expected to be present.

Written exam - 60%

The exam consists of the following parts:

- Listening comprehension questions based on all of the material covered in class and at home and other unseen material.

- Vocabulary questions based on all of the material covered in class and at home, i.e. all listening comprehension material, reading comprehension material, vocabulary exercises, other exercises, etc.

- Grammar questions based on the material covered in class and at home.

The written exam takes place during the exam session in January. Once the date has been fixed, it cannot be changed.

Important:

- Both the oral exam and written exam are compulsory. Students who are absent for one of these parts will be considered as absent for the January session.
- Students are expected to attend classes, prepare before every class and participate actively in all class activities:

La **présence au cours est obligatoire**. Si l'enseignant·e le juge utile, il/elle pourrait proposer au jury de s'opposer à l'inscription à l'examen du cours pour un·e étudiant·e qui n'aurait pas suivi régulièrement les activités d'apprentissage

(RGEE - art. 72).

September session

The exam consists of the following parts:

Oral exam – 30%

This part has the same format as the oral exam in December, i.e. students have to make a presentation on a topic related to their field of study. In September students have to make an individual presentation and it should last 15 minutes per student (10 minutes presentation + 5 minutes question time). Students have to use visual aids during their presentation.

Students are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- presentation skills/techniques (structure, body language, eye contact, visuals, etc.)
- content (argumentation, vocabulary range, use of grammatical constructions, presentation language, etc.)
- accuracy (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, stress, etc.)
- fluency (communication skills, interaction, etc.)

Written exam – 70%

This part consists of the material covered in the January exam (60%) and the files from Le Répétiteur (10%):

- Listening comprehension questions based on all of the material covered in class and at home and other unseen material.

- Vocabulary questions based on all of the material covered in class and at home, i.e. all listening comprehension material, reading comprehension material, vocabulary exercises, other exercises, etc.

- Grammar questions based on the material covered in class and at home.

- Le Répétiteur - 'Expressions idiomatiques de base', 'Fautes de grammaire les plus fréquentes' et 'Fautes de vocabulaire les plus fréquentes' en cours-2023-langl2710 - page 2/4

Important:

Teaching methods	Class time is used for activities to develop students' language skills.				
Content	The course covers listening comprehension, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and oral skills. The material covered relates to a specialised field (business).				
Inline resources	https://moodle.uclouvain.be/enrol/index.php?id=652				
Bibliography	Keynote Advanced – Student's Book - Split B Edition © 2016 National Geographic Learning, a Cengage Learning Company (Print Year: 2017) ISBN-13: 978-1337561457				
Faculty or entity in charge	ILV				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Multilingual Communication	MULT2M	3		٩		