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

| 4.00 credits | 22.5 h | Q1 |
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| Teacher(s) | De Cock Sylvie ;Lefer Marie-Aude (compensates De Cock Sylvie) ; | | | | |
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| Language : | English | | | | |
| Place of the course | Louvain-la-Neuve | | | | |
| Prerequisites | Prerequisites: B2 level of listening and reading and B2 level of speaking (Common European Framework of Reference). | | | | |
| 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. The focus is 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. | | | | |
| Learning outcomes | At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : | | | | |
| J | 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 (at C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference). | | | | |
| Evaluation methods | Written exam (January session): reading comprehension activities about a series of authentic texts dealing with topics similar to the ones covered in class (45% of the final mark) and vocabulary exercises based on the vocabulary covered in the course (45% of the final mark). Continuous assessment (10% of the final mark for the course): reading and vocabulary portfolio. /!\ An absence for the written exam and/or for the portfolio, be it justified or not, will result in an overall absence grade (A) for the evaluation for the course. In case of resit (August-September session), students take the written exam again and hand in their protfolio (if it was not submitted in January). | | | | |
| Teaching methods | Lectures and discussions based on authentic texts as well as reading and vocabulary exercises. Students will be required to do preparation work (reading and vocabulary exercises) before coming to class. The lectures are given face to face (or online via Teams or using dual mode teachig if face to face teaching is not possible in case of a health crisis for example). | | | | |
| Content | The course is based on a detailed analysis of economic and commercial English and of a series of business genres using original texts. The course is organised both around a series of genres (news reports, press releases, annual reports, academic texts, blogs, job advertisements, etc.) and around themes such as human resources, the structure of organisations, (digital) marketing and advertising, sustainable development and innovation. Various exercises are used to enhance reading skills and vocabulary extension in this domain. | | | | |
| Inline resources | Moodle | | | | |
| Bibliography | On Moodle | | | | |
| Faculty or entity in charge | ELAL | | | | |

| Programmes containing this learning unit (UE) | | | | | | |
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| Program title | Acronym | Credits | Prerequisite | Learning outcomes | | |
| Master [120] in Multilingual Communication | MULT2M | 4 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Communication | CORP2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations | SPRI2M | 4 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Information and Communication Science and Technology | STIC2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Public Administration | ADPU2M | 4 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Political Sciences: General | SPOL2M | 4 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] : Business Engineering | INGE2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Management | GEST2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English | GERM2M | 4 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Communication | COMM2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Economics: General | ECON2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General | ROGE2M | 4 | | ٩ | | |
| Master [120] in Journalism | EJL2M | 5 | | ٩ | | |