UCLouvain

## lboe2113

2025

## Scientific and professional communication in English

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3.00 credits	15.0 h	Q2

Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	Training in scientific presentation skills, focusing on biology issues (taught by an English language teacher of the Institut des Langues Vivantes, UCL) and a public presentation in English of the state of progress of the student's master thesis.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :				
	After this module students should feel fairly confident when giving a scientific presentation in English, focusing mainly on the academic field of biology.				
Evaluation methods	The assessment takes place in June and focuses on the quality of the talk and the ability to answer specific questions (in English).				
	As to the English language command, assessment will focus on the student's progress throughout the language sessions, with specific attention to the pronunciation of recurrent terms, overall fluency and the way the student actually applies the presentation techniques developed in class.				
	The evaluation of the final presentation includes notes from the supervisors and the co-titulaires.				
Teaching methods	Students attend group sessions with the language teacher to learn the overall basics of scientific presentations. The students also have the ability to rehearse their presentation individually with the help of the language teacher.				
Content	The course consists of three parts:				
	1. Group sessions on effective oral presentation techniques in science: facts and figures (graphs, comparisons, likelihood etc.), visual aids, systematic pronunciation of recurrent terms in science and biology.				
	2. Students can rehearse their presentation individually with the help of the language teacher.				
	3. Final presentation at the end of term: public talk about the state of progress of the student's master thesis in presence of the thesis supervisor, followed by questions and discussion (in English).				
Inline resources	website LBOE2113 on Moodle				
Bibliography	English for Presentations at International Conferences. Adrian Wallwork, Springer, Second Edition, 2016 English for Academic Research: Grammar, Usage and Style. Adrian Wallwork, Springer, 2016 English for Academic Research: Vocabulary Exercises. Adrian Wallwork, Springer, 2016 Alley M., The Craft of Scientific Presentations: critical steps to succeed and critical errors to avoid. Springer, 2003				
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Biology of Organisms and Ecology	BOE2M	3		Q.		