



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

Foreign Language Teaching

Course Code	L_WABACIW308
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	300
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. J. Lin MA
Examiner	dr. J. Lin MA
Teaching Staff	dr. J. Lin MA
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar

Course Objective

To gain insight into the theories and methods pertaining to foreign language teaching. You will learn to apply relevant didactic models and critically analyse language teaching materials and methods. As such, you will examine teaching methods for various languages like Dutch, French, German, Spanish and English, and design communication-based teaching materials. Furthermore, you will learn to formulate advice and recommendations for educational practices while developing your oral presentation as well as written academic skills.

Course Content

We focus on different theoretical perspectives on the acquisition and instruction of foreign languages and apply them to analyse teaching methods and materials. We study topics like order and arrangement of exercises, teaching perceptive and productive language skills, as well as vocabulary and grammar. As a final assessment for the course, you design and present a syllabus (containing a serie of 5 or 6 lessons of 45 minutes) of a language course.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

There is one lecture (1.5 hours) and one seminar (1.5 hours) each week.

Method of Assessment

There is one individual oral presentation of your analysis of foreign language teaching materials (20% of your final grade), one written report on your analysis of an online foreign language (self-)learning program or app (20%), and one final written assignment (60% of your final grade) for which you design a syllabus (containing a serie of 5 or 6 lessons of 45 minutes) for a language course. In order to pass the course, you need to have a minimum grade of 5.5 for both the final assignment and the whole course. Note that only the final assignment is subject to re-sit.

Entry Requirements

Students must have passed the course Second Language Acquisition (L_WABACIW204).

Literature

We will use a text book on foreign language teaching. In addition, journal articles or dissertation chapters may also be included as part of the reading. Consult the course manual for the accurate reading or literature list.

Additional Information Target Audience

- Bachelor Communication and Information Studies (CIS): Language Learning and Language Teaching
- Pre-master Applied Linguistics
- Minor Learning Foreign Languages

Explanation Canvas

For this course, Canvas is used for all kinds communication between the teacher and/or coordinator of the course, and the students. Communication via Canvas among students or student working groups is also strongly recommended. Canvas is moreover used for announcements, illustration of the course structure with schedule and topics, assignments submission and grading, sharing the teacher's teaching materials, etc.

Recommended background knowledge

Basic linguistic knowledge is welcome.