

# POST-GRADUATE IN CLIL

**Content and Language Integrated Learning**  
A programme for teachers teaching their  
subject in a foreign language

## WHAT IS CLIL?

Since September 2014, secondary schools in Flanders can offer the choice of studying school subjects through the medium of a foreign language. In this way pupils can, for instance, take Biology classes in German, Economics in English, or PE in French. CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) is an educational approach in which French, English or German are used as the language of instruction for another non-language subject.

In order to start out as a CLIL teacher one should meet a number of requirements. First of all, one needs to have the legal qualifications to teach the subject. On top of that, one should have been schooled in CLIL methodology and one should be proficient in the language of instruction. In Belgium these languages are limited to English, French, German or Dutch (for those who wish to teach in Wallonia).

UC Leuven-Limburg is the first university college in Flanders to offer a full-fledged programme in CLIL by means of this post-graduate. An increasing number of schools are starting up a CLIL stream and are, consequently, looking for suitable teachers. Therefore, this certificate may prove to be an important trump for a future-oriented career!

## AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

Our post-graduate offers to aim a substantial and well-balanced programme for both individual teachers and teams who have recently started a CLIL programme or who are considering doing so in the near future. The programme's scope is sufficiently broad to appeal to coordinators and school management, next to dedicated CLIL teachers.

We aim to offer general insights as well as concrete ideas that can be used by the participants in their class practice. Next to practical workshops and didactics, also theoretical courses and managerial aspects of CLIL will be covered.

## HOW THE PROGRAMME IS SET UP

The post-graduate programme consists of 5 courses, combining a total of 24 credits, which will help the student meet the two legal requirements needed to start out as a CLIL teacher: a solid knowledge with CLIL didactics and proficiency in the language of instruction (C1 level of the CEFR).

The programme contains the following courses with respective credits:

<b>Linguistic environments</b> Theoretical course with practical applications	4 credits
<b>Organising CLIL</b> Theoretical course with practical applications	3 credits
<b>Language, code and culture</b> Theoretical and practical course	3 credits
<b>CLIL in the classroom</b> - CLIL didactics - CLIL linguistics Practical workshop	7 credits - 4 credits - 3 credits
<b>Language*</b> Choice of English, French, German or Dutch as a foreign language	7 credits*

\* The language course can be taken in a school of one's own choice (or through self-study) or at the Centrum voor Levende Talen (CLT) in Leuven. Candidates who already have the required level of proficiency (C1 level) are exempt from this course.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

First and foremost, our programme is aimed at **teachers** (subject teachers, workshop teachers as well as language teachers) and **non-teaching school staff in secondary schools** who have recently started a CLIL trajectory or who are considering doing so, and who experience a need for extra training in this field.

The programme is aimed at CLIL teachers in Flanders and elsewhere.

Teachers who are not active in a CLIL context, but who wish to discover new methodologies that provide a richer language environment in the classroom, may enrol for the programme.

**Beginning teachers** considering taking up an additional course fall within our target audience as well. Those who are already qualified as language teachers can combine the post graduate programme (17 credits) with a reduced bachelor course that leads to an additional qualification in a non-language subject (45 credits). In this way they can improve their employment opportunities in just under a year.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The programme takes one academic year (September to June).

The programme can be spread over two or more years. In this way, one could take one part of the courses in year 1 and the other part in year 2.

Candidates who do not succeed in achieving the required language level by the end of the programme will not be awarded their certificate. This can only be awarded after the language certificate has been obtained.

The courses will be taught in English and French. A passive knowledge of these languages should suffice to be able to follow the courses. Students complete the assessments in the CLIL language of their choice.

The in-house course will take place on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. The courses will not take place every week though. Besides, most of the courses can be followed online. For more information about the planning: please consult our website: [www.ucll.be/clil](http://www.ucll.be/clil).

## INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT

All current information on the programme can be found at [www.ucll.be/clil](http://www.ucll.be/clil).

If you have any additional questions or if you wish to enrol for this post-graduate programme, please contact [liesbeth.martens@ucll.be](mailto:liesbeth.martens@ucll.be).

## FEES

The enrolment fee is 680 euros. This fee does not include the cost of the language course.

Those who wish to enrol at the CLT in Leuven will pay an additional 180 euros for the language course.

## LOCATION

The courses will take place online or in our campus in Heverlee.

- Campus Hertogstraat, Hertogstraat 178, 3001 Heverlee



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