



Raters and Rating Course Overview and Programme

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Location: Faculty of Arts & Philosophy Library, Rozier 44, Ghent

Rooms: Seminar Lab, ground floor

Schedule: Wednesday April 24th, 9am to 5pm. Each session is expected to last 90 minutes.

Overview: This course will explore the complexities of training raters to mark writing and speaking performances in a reliable and consistent way. The areas covered will be:

- Selection and initial training of raters
- Standardisation and monitoring
- Developing rating scales
- Validation and quality assurance

This course is for people working in assessment, who would like to know more about how to train, manage and evaluate their community of raters, and how to understand and make decisions based on data from validation procedures. It is not particularly theoretical or statistical but with a focus on what the issues are and how best to avoid the pitfalls in advance or deal with issues after the test. It is suitable for those who work with large or small groups of raters. No statistical literacy is required, but a working knowledge of speaking or writing test construction is assumed.

	Wednesday April 24th
9.00am -10.30am AM Session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rating and Minimum Standards - Working with people: systems and data protection - Selection and initial training of raters
10.30am – 11.00am	Coffee Break 30 minutes
11.00am – 12:30pm AM Session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rater behaviours and tendencies - Coordination and Standardisation - Monitoring live sessions
12:30pm – 13.30pm	Lunch 1 hour
13.30pm – 15.00pm PM Session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing rating scales - Linking to external frameworks - Determining cut scores and boundaries
15.00pm – 15.30pm	Coffee Break 30 minutes
15.30 – 17.00pm PM Session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Validation of rating performance - Quality assurance procedures and methods - Post-test findings and decisions