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Seminar 1: English Linguistics : Morphology (2AN1068)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

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Objectifs

The main aim of the seminar is to introduce students to the field of morphology and its key concepts. A secondary aim is to become more familiar with linguistic research and to be able to understand and engage with scientific articles on the matter.

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Morphology is mainly concerned with words and their structure. It deals with questions such as:

- What do we consider as a word? How are they structured? Do words have different statuses? Is Covfefe a word?
- How do new words appear? Why are some of them more popular than others? Are there clear rules regarding how word formation works?
- How do we process words? How are they represented and organized in our minds?

The course will involve reading a selection of chapters from a morphology textbook to become familiar with the key notions, as well as a selection of influential studies in the field.

General research skills are also part of this course. We will discuss what linguistic research is and how to read and write scientific papers. Tools that can be used to carry out and facilitate such research will also be presented. We will apply the theoretical notions studied during the first weeks of the seminar to develop actual case studies based on the topics of interest to the participants.

Forme de l'évaluation

- An article summary/commentary (300-500 words) (25%).
- A small case study (group project of 2-3 people) regarding a morphological process of your choosing. The groups will give a short oral presentation of their project (25%).
- A written final test at the end of the semester (50%).

The final grade is an average of these three assignments, with the final test counting double.

Rattrapage: An individual paper (3000 words) on a topic related to morphology, which can consist in a case study of a specific word formation process. In case of a rattrapage, the grade given to the paper will replace the previous one.

MA students: MA students may take this class, but are required to write an additional paper (3000 words) on a morphological topic of their choosing. This additional paper is a pass/fail assignment. It may be revised in case of failure.

Documentation

Course material will be made available through Moodle.

Pré-requis

Introductory linguistics class
English language skills

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Students are expected to do weekly readings and active participation (especially in the group projects) is necessary.