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Seminar 1: Psycholinguistics (2AN1135)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	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 Printemps

Equipe enseignante

Martin Hilpert

Contenu

To introduce students to the field of psycholinguistics.

What goes on in your mind when you use language to talk to someone? Psycholinguistics is the study of how humans produce and understand language. This course will introduce students to central aspects of the production and comprehension of language and breaks them down into stages for ease of understanding. We will look at how language is processed and represented and we will consider how words are stored in the mind, what rule systems we have for putting together complex words, phrases, and sentences. At the end of the course, you will have a good overview of the psychological processes that underlie the use of language.

Forme de l'évaluation

Four different tasks are being evaluated in this seminar.

First, there are obligatory weekly reading assignments from the course book. Each week, students will read a text and complete an online quiz (10% of the final grade).

Second, we will form groups of 3-4 students. Each group will be responsible for presenting a psycholinguistic study (20% of the final grade).

Third, oral participation in class discussions is a requirement (10% of the final grade).

Finally, a written exam at the end of the semester accounts for the remaining 60% of the final grade.

The course is intended for BA students. MA students who would like to participate and earn credits are required to complete an additional written assignment of about 10 pages (4,000) words on an assigned topic.

Rattrapage: Failure to reach 60% of all possible credit points will incur a rattrapage of an essay of about 15 pages (6,000 words) on an assigned topic.

Documentation

Students are asked to buy the following course book :

Warren, Paul. 2012. Introducing Psycholinguistics. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press. (CHF 42)

Pré-requis

Students must have taken an introductory linguistics class. English language skills are necessary.

Forme de l'enseignement

This seminar will require active student participation during discussions and student presentations.

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Développer un projet de recherche en groupe

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- Présenter les idées fondamentales et les résultats de la recherche du domaine donné
- Définir les concepts pertinents sur le thème du cours
- Développer une question de recherche de manière guidée
- Appliquer les connaissances acquises pour résoudre des tâches dans le domaine du cours

Compétences transférables

- Manage priorities
- Intellectual rigor and curiosity
- Generate new ideas (creativity)
- Communicate in a second language