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Seminar : Research Methods (2AN2109)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	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 Printemps

Equipe enseignante

Martin Hilpert

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When psycholinguists have a research question, they usually conduct an experiment to test their hypotheses. In this class, you will learn how to do this yourself. We will use a professional computer program (Superlab) to design experiments such as lexical decision tasks, self-paced reading, picture naming tasks, magnitude estimation, shadowing, and several other research designs. You will learn how to put together an experiment, how to collect data from a set of participants, and how to analyze the data that you collected. In sum, this class will give you lots of practical insights into how psycholinguists do their work.

Forme de l'évaluation

Three different tasks are being evaluated in this seminar.

First, there are obligatory weekly reading assignments. Each week, students will read a text and complete an online quiz (20% of the final grade).

Second, the class requires active participation: be prepared, be present, and contribute to discussions and classroom work (20% of the final grade).

Third, you will carry out an independent research project at the end of the class. This project involves the preparation of an experiment, carrying it out with a set of participants, and analyzing the collected data (60% of the final grade).

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

Readings will be distributed via Moodle.

Pré-requis

The course is intended for MA students. English language skills are necessary.

Forme de l'enseignement

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

Objectifs d'apprentissage

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

- Describe and discuss different aspects of linguistic research methodology
- Interpret the findings of experimental research
- Analyse the results of a psycholinguistic experiment
- Design a psycholinguistic experiment, using specialized software

Compétences transférables

- Generate new ideas
- Communicate in a second language

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- Apply knowledge to new situations
- Express disapproval at various aspects of corpus linguistics and life in general