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Seminar 1: Linguistics: (Im)politeness in Discourse (2AN1459)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier B A - sciences du langage	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 pg	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6
Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 pg	Voir ci-dessous	6

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

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

Dr. Samuel Bourgeois

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(Im)politeness research is a relatively new discipline, which came to the forefront of pragmatic enquiry in the 1980s thanks in large part to the seminal work by Brown & Levinson entitled "Politeness: Some universals in language usage" in [1978] 1987. This course provides students with an in-depth survey of (im)politeness research within the field of interpersonal pragmatics from the late 20th century to today. Moreover, at the end of this seminar, you will be able to answer the following questions:

- Is it always offensive to use curse words? Why or why not?
- Are formal politeness strategies appropriate/appreciated in all contexts?
- Where is the line between a harmless joke (kidding around) and an offensive verbal attack on another?
- Does one's identity play a role in how they interact with others?

Forme de l'évaluation

The grade for this course is centered on a research project that will be conducted over the course of the semester. The first assignment (30%) is group (or personal) presentation on the progress of this personal research project. The presentations will be given during the final week(s) of the semester. 70% of the final grade comes from an individual term paper on this same research project. The required length is 3,000 words for BA students and 4500 words for MA students. The due date for the term paper will be announced by the instructor during the first session of class.

Modalités de rattrapage

If a final grade of a 4.0 is not reached, it will lead to a rattrapage of a rewrite of the failed paper. The grade of this second attempt will constitute 100% of your second attempt grade. The due date for the rattrapage assignment will be announced by the instructor during the first session of class.

Documentation

All necessary readings will be distributed electronically via Moodle

Pré-requis

Students must have taken an introductory linguistics class. As this course is given in English, a minimum of a B2 level is required.

Forme de l'enseignement

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

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Objectifs d'apprentissage

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

- Evaluer les informations les plus importantes des articles de recherche publiés
- Gérer des recherches indépendantes
- Expliquer les différentes théories linguistiques de la recherche sur l'(im)politesse
- Interpréter les données empiriques
- Distinguer les différents cadres théoriques dans ce domaine d'étude
- Synthétiser les résultats de la recherche

Compétences transférables

- Communiquer dans l'anglais académique
- Appliquer ses connaissances à de nouvelles situations
- Tester de nouvelles idées
- Gérer des projets indépendants