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### MA Seminar : Language change (2AN2095)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
<b>Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication</b>	<b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b>	Voir ci-dessous	5
<b>Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication</b>	<b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b>	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

Martin Hilpert

#### Objectifs

In this class, master students will engage with theoretical and empirical work on language change and grammaticalization.

#### Contenu

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, there will be a take-home exam that will be distributed at the end of the class. The take-home exam will consist of questions that relate to the topics that were discussed in the class. For the take-home exam the use of all class materials and further readings is permitted (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.

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