

Veranstalter:	JP Prof. Dr. Eva Berlage
Thema:	Grammaticalisation and Lexicalisation [AA-V1a/b, ENG-10, AA-M2, AA-M9, AA-M10, AA-W]
Art der Veranstaltung:	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53-520
Zeit:	2st., Di 16-18
Raum:	Phil 1250
Beginn:	3. April 2012

Course description:

This course deals with two different pathways of linguistic change. The first, known as grammaticalisation, is the diachronic process whereby lexical elements turn into grammatical elements or less grammatical items become more grammatical. A case in point is the full verb go as in go for a walk, which, in the course of time, has evolved into the auxiliary go as in I'm going to call you. The second pathway, known by the name of lexicalisation, describes a process whereby (relatively) independent lexical items are combined to form a new lexical entry (e.g. bread-and-butter).

In this course, we will study the relevant linguistic mechanisms behind grammaticalisation and lexicalisation processes and see how they apply to the historical development of different constructions in English history (e.g. auxiliary verbs, light verb constructions, prepositions, conjunctions). We will see that many cases allow for a clear dividing line between the two historical processes but that some seem to involve mechanisms of both types of change. It will be particularly intriguing to find out why some items lie at the interface of grammaticalisation and lexicalisation and what the theoretical implications are for the two historical processes at hand.

Some of the essential literature is given below. A much more comprehensive list of references will be provided in class.

Recommended reading:

Brinton, Laurel and Elizabeth Closs Traugott (2005). *Lexicalization and Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Hopper, Paul and Elizabeth Closs Traugott (1993). *Grammaticalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Requirements:

Regular attendance

Presentation, reading responses

Term paper (16-20 pages)

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Di 18:30-20:30 Uhr, Mi 9-10 Uhr, Phil 1163 (nach Anmeldung)
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	29.2. und 21.3., 15-17 Uhr, Phil 1163 (nach Anmeldung)