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Thema:	Morphology
Art der Veranstaltung:	Seminar Ib
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53-508
Zeit:	2st., Fr 10:15 - 11:45
Raum:	Phil 1219
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Course description:

In this course we will take a look both at inflectional morphology (e.g. plural *-s*, past tense *-ed*, etc.) and word-formation processes such as affixation (e.g. *un-* in *unfriend*), conversion (e.g. *Sarah Palin would really Hitler up the place*), blending (e.g. *cute* + *beautiful* → *cuteful*), abbreviations (e.g. *to OD* → *death by over dose*), compounding (e.g. *vanilla ice cream*), etc.

Beyond these descriptive basics, we will explore some open questions in morphology: How do young children acquire morphology? How are morphologically complex words such as *government* stored in the brain? As whole words or analyzed into their morphemes, in this case, {*govern*} and {*-ment*}? What are crucial differences between English and German morphology?

Thanks to freely accessible, net-based corpora (i.e. large collections of texts) such as CELEX and COCA, it is comparatively easy to devise small-scale quantitative studies and write a term paper in morphology.

Requirements:

Regular attendance, active participation, written summaries of and comments on reading assignments, term paper

Suggested reading:

Plag, Ingo (2003). *Word-Formation in English*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Fr 15–16 Uhr, Phil 1163
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	To be announced