

Einführung in die Linguistik des Englischen/

Introduction to English Linguistics

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This course introduces students to the scientific study of the English language, known as English linguistics. In order to understand what linguistics is we need to start with the much more basic question: what is human language? There are different ways to approach such a complex question. In this course, we will start off with a comparison of human language and animal language.

In the course of the semester, we will be looking both at the use of language in communication and at the way in which our language system is structured. Students will learn how language is organised and acquire the terminology necessary to understand and describe language structures. The main part of the course then concentrates on the systematic study of the following core areas of linguistics: phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics.

This course forms an obligatory part of the “Einführungsmodul” and finishes with an exam. The exam has to be passed in order to be admitted to further linguistic courses.

Note that this course is held in English and that the final exam will also be in English. Students are expected to take part in one of the tutorials accompanying the introduction. The relevant literature will be announced in class.

Requirements:

Regular attendance

Active participation

Final exam