

<b>Veranstalter:</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Peter Siemund</b>
<b>Modul:</b>	<b>Speech Acts and Clause Types</b> [ENG-4, ENG-4a, ENG-10, ENG-11, AA7, AA9, LAA8, LAA11, AA-WB]
<b>Art der Veranstaltung:</b>	<b>Seminar II</b>
<b>Veranstaltungsnummer:</b>	<b>53-515</b>
<b>Zeit:</b>	<b>2st. Di 10-12</b>
<b>Raum:</b>	<b>Ü35-00093</b>
<b>Beginn:</b>	<b>16.10.18</b>

This course is an introduction to the relationship between the morphosyntactic properties of sentences and their associated illocutionary forces, or force potentials, thus investigating the grammatical verbalization of social action. It is based at the intersection of linguistics and philosophy, also drawing on sociological thinking for an adequate theory of action. Departing from a typologically adequate taxonomy of the morphosyntactic properties that instantiate different clause types (declaratives, interrogatives, imperatives, exclamatives, minor clause types), including an appraisal of the relevant cross-linguistic facts, it develops a perspective on English that is inspired by generalizations and restrictions uncovered by comparative typological work.

The course falls into two parts. It begins with several sessions dedicated to settling important theoretical and methodological issues, such as sentence and utterance meaning, illocutionary force, clause types, and functional typology. These are complemented by a number of case studies that investigate typologically prominent clause types and their ways of morphosyntactic encoding. These case studies begin with an overview of the necessary theoretical foundations, then proceed to discussing the grammatical structures of English, followed by an assessment of the relevant cross-linguistic facts. Overall, the course works towards developing a gradient model of clause types that substantially goes beyond the traditional distinction between major and minor clause types.

The course targets graduate and upper undergraduate students of English and general linguistics. It is positioned at the interface of pragmatics and grammar. Each session ends with exercises, a succinct summary of the most important findings, and recommendations for further reading and research.

Course requirements: Presentation + term paper

Siemund, Peter 2018. *Speech Acts and Clause Types*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

<b>Sprechstunden im Semester:</b>	<b>s. Sprechstundenliste</b>
<b>Sprechstunden in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:</b>	<b>s. Sprechstundenliste</b>