Veranstalter:	Prof. Dr. Thomas Berg
Modul:	Language Comprehension
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	AA9, LAA8, LAA11, ENGAGE-M01a,
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Psycholinguistics is mainly concerned with the mental processes underlying language production and language comprehension, the former dealing with speaking and writing and the latter with listening and reading. The task of the listener is often (somewhat unjustly) divided into low-level processes (speech perception) and high-level processes (language comprehension). Speech perception, which may be roughly equated with auditory phonetics, is about how listeners take in the acoustic signal, i.e. what acoustic cues they rely on in the process of identifying sounds. This is the starting point for segmenting the speech stream into larger units such as words and phrases. Listeners' ultimate goal is of course comprehension, i.e. the (re)construction of a semantic representation or, simply put, the discovery of the speaker's intention.

Our aim in this course is to examine all these (and other) steps in the comprehension process. More attention will be given to comprehension than to perception. Our focus is naturally on English although "comparative psycholinguistics" will also play a role. Spoken language (listening) will be given priority over written language (reading). It is worth adding that much of psycholinguistics is experimental in nature and dominated by psychologists rather than linguists.

Course requirements: Regular attendance Oral report (term paper)

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