

Veranstalter:	Prof. Dr. Thomas Berg
Modul:	Design features of language - design features of English (ENG-4, ENG-4a, ENG-10, ENG-11, AA7, AA9, LAA8, LAA11, IAA20, IAA23, IAA24, IAA25, ENGAGE-M01a, ENGAGE-M02)
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Course description:

Suppose you are an architect or an engineer and your task is to design a language. What features would you want it to possess and for what reasons? This is the starting point of this course. We will then examine what features “nature” has settled on and formulate a number of properties which natural languages may be expected to possess and/or actually possess. In so doing, reliance will be placed on Charles Hockett who has made a list of design features of language.

In the second part of this course, we will look at major characteristics of Modern English. This will involve not only applying the general design principles to English but also working out the characteristic traits which distinguish English from other languages, especially German. In other words, we will study the design features of English.

Course requirements:

Regular attendance
Oral report
Term Paper (optional)

Sprechstunden im Semester:	s. Sprechstundenliste
Sprechstunden in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	s. Sprechstundenliste