

Veranstalter.....	Daniela Schröder
Thema.....	Einführung in die Linguistik des Englischen [AA-E1, ENG-1]
Art der Veranstaltung.....	Seminar 1a
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-505
Zeit.....	2st. Mi 14-16 Uhr (+2 Std. Tutorium)
Raum.....	Phil 1269
Beginn.....	15.10.2014

Course description:

Linguistics concerns itself with the study of language and hence deals with something everybody knows, uses with surprising efficiency, but is usually not able to talk about. Language can be conceived of as a knowledge system that we unconsciously make use of for communication. The ability of humans to speak and understand language without even being aware of what they are doing has been puzzling researchers for generations. There are theories galore that aim to explain this remarkable ability, but it is doubtful that there will ever be a simple explanation.

In this course we will systematically set about making explicit the knowledge that we all possess but find so difficult to talk about. Areas to be covered include the production of speech sounds, the structure of words and sentences as well as how words and sentences come to mean what they mean. Although the focus will be on English and, to a lesser extent, German, we will try to bring other languages into the discussion whenever appropriate. We will also take a look at the strategies human beings pursue and exploit when they communicate with one another and thus embed language and communication in a wider cultural context. Since for the majority of students linguistics is a completely new subject, the course will start with an overview of the English language and a general introduction to the field.

In order to get credit points for this class, students are expected to participate regularly and actively, attend the tutorial every week, do all the required reading and homework assignments and pass the final exam.

The class will be mainly based on the following book of which students are required to acquire a copy:

Berg, Thomas. 2013. *Anglistische Sprachwissenschaft*. Wilhelm Fink: München.

Additional reading suggestions will be released during the semester.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Mi 11-12 Uhr und nach Vereinbarung per Email
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