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Modul:	Psycholinguistics [AA-A1, ENG-4/a, ENG-5, AA-V1ab, AA-V2ab, ENG-10, ENG-11, AA7 , AA9, LAA8, LAA11, ENGAGE-M1, AA-W, AA-WB]
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Course description:

In this course we ask: what goes on in the human mind when language is produced, comprehended and processed? Some of the central research questions are:

- How do we produce a message?
- How do we recognise words and identify the connections between them in a sentence?
- What is the role of the mental lexicon in language production and comprehension?
- Why are some sentences more difficult to process than others?

In order to understand how speakers produce an utterance we will look into a) the conceptualisation of a message, b) the process of formulation (which involves grammatical and phonological encoding) and c) its articulation by way of speech sounds. We will also deal with speech errors as a rich source of insights into language production.

In terms of language comprehension, we will discuss the different stages involved in word recognition and ask which factors promote efficient comprehension. We will deal with the activation of items stored in the mental lexicon and discuss how, when looking at the input, the frequency of a word and the words it competes with affect word recognition.

As for language processing, we will ask how readers and listeners assign syntactic structure to strings of words. If some sentences are more difficult to process than others, the question arises whether there is a measure for the linguistic complexity of sentences and, if so, how this translates into language production and comprehension.

In order to analyse processes of speech production, comprehension and processing, all levels of linguistic analysis will be relevant. In this course, we will therefore discuss processes concerned with the phonological, morphological, syntactic, semantic and pragmatic units of language.

A comprehensive list of references will be made available in the first session.

Requirements:

Regular attendance

Oral presentation in class

Term paper

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	
Sprechstunde in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	19.8. und 23.9., 10-12 in Phil 1163