Veranstalter:	Dr. Martin Schweinberger
Modul:	Seminar Ia
Art der Veranstaltung:	Einführung in die Linguistik des Englischen [AA-E1, ENG-1, AA1, LAA1, LAA14, MOTION]
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53-506
Zeit:	2st. Fr 12-14 (+ 2 Std. Übung)
Raum:	Phil E
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Course description:

Language is arguably the most fascinating characteristic of human kind, since it is our essential means to relate to each other as social beings. As such, it is an expression of how we perceive, construct, and interact with our environment, and its use comprises a range of cognitive involvement from spontaneous, almost unconscious choice of words to planned and well-reflected discourse. In this introductory class, we will take the example of the English language as one of the most extensively researched languages of the world to describe the nature of language in its structure, conceptual quality, and socio-communicative function. In detail, the class will commence with the basic design features of human language and the history of English. We will investigate the sound system of English, basic meaningful units of meaning, take a look at how morphemes, words and phrases are combined, and discuss general theories trying to account for the meaning of words and utterances. Beyond these core concerns of (English) linguistics, we will introduce communicative and functional principles of language as well as catch a glimpse of key concepts of sociolinguistics.

The classes are held as interactive lectures, leaving space for discussions and in-class tasks. Materials are distributed throughout the semester and a list of relevant literature will be handed out at the beginning of the class.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Tba
Sprechstunde in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	Tba