

Structure and history of English I

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Leistungspunkte: 6

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Zeit: Dienstag 11.45–13.15

Description

The introductory course is dedicated to the linguistic analysis of present-day English. We will examine various levels of the grammar, including the nature of speech sounds (phonetics), its sound structure (phonology), its word structure including productive word-formation processes (morphology), and its sentence structure (syntax), as well as the interaction among these domains. In addition, we will consider the structure of meaning (semantics) as well as issues related to language use, including pragmatics, first language acquisition, and psycholinguistics. SHE-I consists of a series of weekly two-hour lectures and tutorials. The classes will be taught in English.

Languages

- classes: English
- exams: English
- contact: English or German (please choose the language you are more competent in, i.e. *please write in German if your first language is German*)

Literature

Fasold, Ralph W. & Jeff Connor-Linton (eds). 2014. *An introduction to language and linguistics*. 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Plag, Ingo, Maria Braun, Sabine Lappe & Mareile Schramm. 2015. *Introduction to English linguistics*. 3rd edition. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

O'Grady, William, John Archibald & Francis Katamba. 2011. *Contemporary linguistics: An introduction*. 2nd edition. London. Pearson Longman.

Requirement: an end-term written exam (Klausur) in class (100%)

Preliminary schedule:

26.10.2021	Language as a creative system
02.11.2021	Phonetics
09.11.2021	Phonology I: Phonemes and allophones
16.11.2021	Phonology II: Syllables
23.11.2021	Morphology I: Words and word structure
30.11.2021	Morphology II: Morphological processes
07.12.2021	Revision: Topics 1–6
14.12.2021	Syntax
21.12.2021	Semantics
11.01.2022	Pragmatics
18.01.2022	First language acquisition
25.01.2022	Psycholinguistics
01.02.2022	Revision: Topics 1–11
08.02.2022	EXAM

Tutorials

You can take one of following tutorials:

- Monday 8.15–9.45 – Herr/Mr Korbinian Kling
- Tuesday 15.15–16.45 – Frau/Ms Vera Richter
- Thursday 13.30–15.00 – Frau/Ms Molly Rolf
- Friday 10.00–11.30 – Frau/Ms Lina Philipp