Current courses

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Targeting the Verb Phrase

This course aims to develop students' level of proficiency, especially their knowledge of English grammar. It is offered in the hope that students will have plenty of opportunities to practise various points of grammar related to the following topics: irregular verbs, tenses, modal auxiliaries, the passive, conditional clauses.

Experimental linguistics

Recently, a new field of research has emerged under the name of experimental linguistics with the explicit goal to gather experimental data on various linguistic issues by adopting methods developed in other fields, such as psycholinguistics and neurolinguistics.
First, the course provides a brief introduction to the design and analysis of linguistic experiments, students learn the basics of conducting experiments. In the second half of the semester the course puts into perspective experimental contributions to research on some aspects of the human language via several case studies. The research surveyed includes studies of first language acquisition and current issues in pragmatics.

Advanced Topics in Semantics

The primary objective of the course is to provide an introduction to modern elementary logic, more specifically to classical propositional and predicate logic. Research into logic and language goes back to Aristotle, and tools of formal logic have been successfully applied to the study of natural languages, especially to the study of meaning for some time. Hence, the course is of particular relevance to students who are interested in semantics, and it is indispensable to those who intend to study formal semantics. Throughout the course special attention will be paid to the relation between logic and linguistics.

Introduction to Logic 2

The primary objective of the course is to familiarise students with the basic aspects of formal semantics. The course covers basic aspects of intensional logic, including compositionality, lambda abstraction, possible worlds semantics and quantification. The course assumes some knowledge of linguistic semantics, but aims to be as non-technical as possible.

Other courses

Challenging Grammar

The aim of this course is to examine various areas of English grammar from a linguistic perspective. The starting point is that grammar can be treated as a tool for communication and not just as a collection of rules and exceptions. Each class involves theoretical discussions built on examples taken from corpora, contemporary literature, etc. and a lot of classroom exercises.

Targeting the Noun Phrase

This course aims to develop students' level of proficiency, especially their knowledge of English grammar. It is offered in the hope that students will have plenty of opportunities to

practise various points of grammar related to the topics listed below. Targeting the Noun Phrase is intended to serve as a follow-up seminar covering areas which are the same as or related to those mentioned in the corresponding lecture course. The topics to be covered are as follows: the noun (number, gender, case), pronouns, relative clauses, pre- and postmodification, determiners, articles, adjectives, adverbs, and adverbial clauses.

Current Topics in Language Research

This course provides an introduction to current issues at the semantics/pragmatics interface. Pragmatics as a field of linguistics is in many ways related to semantics. The course is designed to develop students' independent learning and research skills in the field of linguistics and is aimed at enriching their insights into various research topics at the semantics/pragmatics interface.

The English Language

The aim of this course is to familiarise students with some of the fundamental research areas within pragmatics and to introduce them to the main approaches to data collection and analysis within the field. Throughout the course we are going to rely on real language data taken from various written and spoken corpora of English.

Semantics and Pragmatics

The aim of this course is to familiarise students with some basic approaches to the study of meaning in language. Semantics is an exciting field of linguistics, which has historical ties with logic, philosophy of language and cognitive psychology. The course focuses on word meaning (lexical semantics), but issues of sentential semantics and pragmatics will also be discussed. Topics to be covered include theories of meaning, sense relations, compositionality, speech act theory, conversational implicatures, etc.

Introduction to Linguistics

The aim of this course is two-fold:
(i) to introduce students to the subject matter and methodology of linguistics;
(ii) to teach students how to recognise and analyse systematic patterns in language, in other words, how to perform linguistic analysis.
After a brief introduction the course provides an overview of the following subfields of linguistics: morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics.

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Language

This course adopts an interdisciplinary perspective to study language, and combines insights gained from linguistics, philosophy, logic, cognitive psychology, and communication studies. Building on core concepts of semantics and pragmatics, the course investigates how meaning is constructed and negotiated across different contexts. Students will examine both classic linguistic notions (e.g., reference, deixis, implicature) and their wider applications, such as media discourse and online pragmatics.

Introduction to Logic 1

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