**ANG 303 Psycholinguistics (Seminar (Intermediate Level))**

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**Lecture type:**

Seminar (Intermediate Level)

**ECTS:**

6.0

**Course suitable for:**

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Hours per week:**

2

**Attendance:**

Online, live

**Registration procedure:**

**Registration**: All incoming exchange students at the School of Humanities need to register for their courses via Portal 2. For further details, please check the [instructions](https://unitwikis.uni-mannheim.de/xwiki/bin/view/userdocs/Portal%C2%B2%20Nutzer-Dokumentation/%5BEN%5D%20Documentation/For%20Students/Course%20Registration/Course%20Registration%20for%20International%20Exchange%20Students/) for course registration or contact [incoming@phil.uni-mannheim.de](mailto:incoming@phil.uni-mannheim.de?subject=Course%20registration).

**Learning target:**

* You will revise and deepen your knowledge of linguistic core concepts in the areas of sounds, words and sentences.
* You will develop a basic understanding of how human language is organized, how knowledge of language is acquired, and how knowledge of language is put to use, in the production and comprehension of words, sentences, and pieces of discourse by monolinguals and bilinguals as well as healthy and impaired language users.
* You will become familiar with a variety of empirical (observational and experimental) tools used by psycholinguists to study language acquisition and language performance.
* You will compare modern approaches in psycholinguistics in terms of their power to account for the psychological processes.
* You will practice your skills in critical thinking, academic reading, writing, presenting and teamwork.

**Literature:**

Harley, T. A. (2010). Talking the talk. New York: Psychology Press. (please buy)  
References to the research articles (presentation assignments) will be provided in class.

**Examination achievement:**

Most suitable options:

1. Written assignment: A term paper (Hausarbeit) takes the form of an online take-home assignment, where all students answer the same questions within 10 days (3000 words max)
2. Oral exam upon individual appointment.

**Instructor(s):**

Dieter Thoma

**Date(s):**

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| Tuesday  (weekly) | 29.09.2020 – 08.12.2020 | 15:30 – 17:00 | PHIL-ZOOM-18; Virtuelles Gebäude |
| Monday  (single date) | 18.01.2021 | 15:30 – 17:00 | PHIL-ZOOM-18; Virtuelles Gebäude |

**Description:**

How do we learn and use language, and how come we communicate so efficiently? This course provides you with an overview of the major topics and areas of psycholinguistics. We will look at differences between animal communication and human language, how children acquire language, what happens when we learn a second language (and why this is often so hard), how words shape our thinking and how we understand and produce sentences.