



GENERAL LINGUISTICS - A

Enrollment year	2015/2016
Academic year	2015/2016
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	L-LIN/01 (GLOTTOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Course	HUMANITIES
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (21/09/2015 - 23/12/2015)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	36 lesson hours
Language	ITALIAN
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	CRISTOFARO SONIA (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites.
Learning outcomes	The course aims to provide the basic theoretical notions and methodology for studying language in a scientific way an overview of the grammatical structures attested in the world's languages and the diversity of these structures
Course contents	The course aims to introduce students to the scientific study of language. In particular, it will be shown that the grammatical organization of human languages and its evolution over time reflect a number of general mechanisms that are presumably valid for all languages. These mechanisms can ultimately be related to the organization of the human mind, how human beings perceive reality, and the circumstances in which language is used. The course will

investigate different domains pertaining to the grammatical organization of human languages, with particular regard to the relations between words within the sentence (syntax), the internal structure of words (morphology), the production and function of sounds (phonetics and phonology), the organization of meaning (semantics), and the relationship between grammatical structures and the contexts in which they are used (pragmatics).

Teaching methods

Lectures

Reccomended or required readings

Classroom materials will be presented providing a detailed description of all course topics and relevant references (these materials will also be made available on the web). References will include a number of standard textbooks covering exam topics, as well as several reference works that can optionally be used for in-depth study of specific topics. Classroom materials can be used as a basic reference, and should be combined with selected parts of one or more of the textbooks indicated in the reference list. Students are welcome to chose any of the latter, through the following are particularly recommended

Lyons, John
1968 Introduction to theoretical linguistics. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Anttila, Raimo
1989 An introduction to historical and comparative linguistics. Amsterdam / Philadelphia: John Benjamins. 2 ed.

McMahon?, April S.
1994 Understanding language change. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Assessment methods

Student assessment is made through assignments during classes.

Further information

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