



GENERAL LINGUISTICS - A

Enrollment year	2009/2010
Academic year	2009/2010
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	L-LIN/01 (GLOTTOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Course	MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
Curriculum	LINGUE PER L'IMPRESA
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (01/10/2009 - 13/01/2010)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	30 lesson hours
Language	Italian
Activity type	
Teacher	MANZELLI GIANGUIDO (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	The main requirement is a basic knowledge of grammar and syntax concerning parts of speech and constituent structure of sentence.
Learning outcomes	The course aims at providing a basic training in linguistics in order to give a deeper understanding of language in general and of languages of the world to humanities students. Essential scientific tools are provided for the analysis of phonological, morphological and syntactic systems of natural languages, for the analysis of meaning, and for the genetic and typological classification of languages.
Course contents	In the first part of the course genetic, anatomic and physiological aspects of human language will be introduced. Fundamental themes that will be taken into consideration are: the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), parameters for describing a phone (manner and place of articulation and type of phonation for consonants; place on the front-back axis and on the vertical axis, position of the lips for vowels),

characteristics of vowel quadrilateral, three conditions for vowel lengthening in Italian, syllabic structure (with tree diagram), open vs. closed syllable, types of accent in languages of the world (stress vs. pitch), sentence intonation, definition of phoneme, minimal pair, allophones, definition of morpheme, allomorphs, types of affixes, lexical, flectional and derivational morphemes, types of morphemes (cumulative, portmanteau or amalgam in French, subtractive in Russian, ablaut and umlaut in English and German, introflexion in Arabic), types of compounds (endocentric vs. exocentric).

Teaching methods

Lectures

Reccomended or required readings

(for full time and part time students)

1) Maturi, Pietro, 2006, I suoni delle lingue, i suoni dell'italiano, Bologna, il Mulino.

2) Scalise, Sergio e Bisetto, Antonietta, 2008, La struttura delle parole, Bologna, il Mulino.

In particular:

Chapter I Grammar, lexicon and morphology; chap. II Morpheme and word; chap. III Typology and morphology; chap. IV Derivation; chap. V Composition; chap. VI Flection (pp. 13-165); chap. IX Other processes of word formation; chap. X Allomorphy and suppletivism, (pp. 197-226).

3) (duplicated lecture notes:) Manzelli, Gianguido, 2004, Fonetica e fonologia con elementi di morfologia, appunti di supporto al modulo di Linguistica generale a/Fonetica e fonologia e Fonetica e fonologia (progredito), only sections in connection with languages studied by the student (unless fundamental concepts can be exemplified only by such languages as e.g. Chinese or Arabic), small type size sections and footnotes excluded.

Assessment methods

Oral examination preceded by a written test

Further information

Sustainable development goals - Agenda 2030

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