

SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aim of the course, in its first half, is to familiarize the students with the formal and functional definitions of language, the object of linguistic investigations, some subfields of linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax, text linguistics, pragmatics) and their key terms.

Selected issues in linguistics (linguistic relativism, linguistic universals, the logics by Aristotle vs. cognitive approach, semantics of prototype, controversies around language acquisition) will be presented in the second half of the course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The students are supposed to know (and understand) the elementary key terms of linguistics. The knowledge and understanding of the Principle of Excluded Third and the Principle of Contradiction is a must.

GRADING POLICY

Final exam in summer session (test)

TIMETABLE

The lectures are scheduled on Friday morning, 1 hr a week.

TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

No textbook required.

PREREQUISITES:

Fluency in English on First Certificate level