

Course Unit	Introduction to Linguistics	Field of study	Training in Teaching Area
Bachelor in	Basic Education	School	School of Education
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Workload (hours)	135	Contact hours	T - , TP 45, PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT 9, O -
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	5.0
Code	9853-531-1102-00-23		

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. identify the epistemological criteria that permit to define linguistics as a science, distinguishing normative perspectives from scientific ones
2. distinguish language, as an innate cognitive faculty, from tongue, an acquired code, and from speech, as articulation of sounds used to express language
3. understand language architecture as constituted by structures in interface (syntax, semantics and phonology)
4. know the main theories of linguistics from the 19th century until nowadays
5. identify the genetic relations between Indo-European languages, specially of those that integrate Romance and Germanic branches
6. evaluate the contribution of each theoretical framework to the development of linguistics, specifically Saussure's synchronic approach, European and American structuralism and Generative Grammar
7. understand the biological foundations of language and the elements of the domains that study them

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Without application.

Course contents

1. Linguistics as a science. 2. Language as an innate mental human faculty. 3. A Panorama of history of Linguistics. 4. Saussure's Cours de linguistique générale. 5. European Structuralism. 6. American Structuralism. 7. Generative Grammar. 8. Bio- and neurolinguistics

Course contents (extended version)

1. Linguistics as a science
 - Normative grammar vs. Linguistics
2. Language as an innate mental human faculty
 - Language, tongue and speech
 - Language and thought
 - Language as an architecture of structures in interface (semantics, phonology and syntax)
3. Panorama of history of Linguistics
 - Diachronic studies of the 19th century
 - Language families
 - Indo-european languages
4. Saussure's Cours de linguistique générale
 - Role on the delimitation of linguistics as an autonomous science
 - Formal object: langue/parole
 - Langue as a system
 - Methodology: synchrony/diachrony
 - Theory of the linguistic sign
5. European Structuralism
 - Structure and function
 - Main advances from Saussure
6. American structuralism
 - Distribution and immediate constituent
 - A language as a finite corpus
7. Generative grammar
 - Competence and performance
 - Linguistic universals
 - Productivity
8. Bio- and neurolinguistics
 - Biologic foundations of language
 - Phylogenetic theories on language
 - Language development
 - Some problems of language, speech and voice

Recommended reading

1. Ahlsén, E. (2006). Introduction to neurolinguistics. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
2. Boeckx, C. & K. Grohmann (2013). The Cambridge handbook of biolinguistics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
3. Jackendoff, R. (2012). Meaning and the lexicon. Oxford, Oxford University Press.
4. Rodrigues, A. (2012). Jackendoff e a arquitetura paralela. Apresentação e discussão de um modelo de linguagem. München: Lincom.
5. Saussure, F. ([1916]1975). Cours de linguistique générale. Ed. crit. de Tullio de Mauro. Paris: Payothèque.

Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical-practical classes will be expositive. There will be exercises at the end of each item of the program. Tutorials will consist in the orientation of bibliographic research and in the resolution of practical problems.

Assessment methods

1. Continuous assessment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 50%
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Assessment methods

2. Assessment by exam - (Regular, Student Worker) (Supplementary, Special)
- Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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