



ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS COURSE CATALOGUE

Department of German Language and Literature

General information		
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Name of the course	Einführung in die germanistische Sprachwissenschaft	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in German language and literature	
Status of the course	Compulsory	
Year of study	1 st	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	5
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+0

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

The course aims to present the fundamentals of German linguistics and general linguistics, provide a synchronic and diachronic overview of well-known linguistic schools and movements and introduce students to the fundamentals of basic linguistic disciplines. The knowledge that students are expected to acquire in this course will enable them to get a better insight into the system of the German language and facilitate further access to basic linguistic disciplines (phonology, graphemics, morphology, syntax, lexicology and lexicography, semantics, as well as the understanding of communication models, classes of signs and sign models).

1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course

No prerequisites.

1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to independently use the the concepts and terms in German linguistics and general linguistics.

Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

- distinguish between basic linguistic disciplines (phonetics, phonology, graphemics, morphology, syntax, semantics, lexicology)
- differentiate between communication models and semiotic models and classes, interpret the particularities of a linguistic sign
- draw a comparison between syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations
- interpret synchrony and diachrony, as well as traditional and new linguistic disciplines

- distinguish between constituency, IC, TGG and dependency grammar
- interpret distributionalism and componential analysis
- explain the particularities of cognitive and prototype semantics
- successfully develop assessment items and exercises related to thematic units

1.4. Course content

This course lays foundation for all the linguistic courses that are part of the study programme in German language and literature. For this very reason, the course covers the following topic areas: Communication and the models of communication – Semiotics - sign models, classes of signs – linguistic sign - Paradigmatic and syntagmatic relations – synchrony and diachrony - traditional and new linguistic disciplines - phonetics and phonology - graphemics - morphology – syntax - semantics.

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Individual assignments