

German Linguistics I

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Aims

The course introduces students to the understanding of key concepts of German linguistics at the phonetic, morphological, and syntactic levels, fostering their critical thinking and sensitivity to the structural differences of the language. By the end of the course, students will have developed a greater awareness of the peculiar structures of the German language, primarily from a synchronic perspective, but without neglecting aspects of its history. They will also be able to apply the acquired knowledge in the production of texts and discourse in German.

Contents

Following a brief overview of the current status of German in the world and some notes on the history of the language, the course introduces key concepts and models of linguistics in general, and of the phonetics/phonology, morphology, and syntax of the German language in particular. Through exercises and reflections on the proposed material, both theoretical analysis skills and linguistic competencies are developed. The topics covered and the exercises provided also respond to feedback from students during the course.

Exam

Oral examination in German on topics and issues discussed during the course; the ability to apply the acquired skills to concrete linguistic material will also be assessed.

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