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Seminar: Bilingualism (2AN1110)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	cont. continu	5
Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 ph	cont. continu	5
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	cont. continu	5
Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 ph	cont. continu	5

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante:

Martin Hilpert

Objectifs:

To introduce students to the scientific study of bilingualism.

Contenu:

In this course, we will investigate what it means to speak two or more languages. Specifically, we will address questions such as the following:

- How are two or more languages acquired, represented and processed in the minds of speakers?
- What brain mechanisms are involved in bilingual language processing?
- How do bilinguals control two languages (i.e. activate one language while simultaneously suppressing the other) during language production?
- What are the consequences of bilingualism for other aspects of cognition?

Forme de l'évaluation:

Four different tasks are being evaluated in this seminar.

First, there are obligatory weekly reading assignments from the course book. Each week, students will read a text and complete an online quiz (10% of the final grade).

Second, we will form groups of 3-4 students. Each group will be responsible for presenting a chapter from the course book (20% of the final grade).

Third, oral participation in class discussions is a requirement (10% of the final grade).

Finally, a written exam at the end of the semester accounts for the remaining 60% of the final grade.

The course is intended for BA students. MA students who would like to participate and earn credits are required to complete an additional written assignment of about 10 pages (4,000) words on an assigned topic.

Note: Failure to hand in a written assignment in the accorded time, without an accepted reason, will automatically result in a failing grade.

Documentation:

Students are asked to buy the following course book :

Grosjean, François and Ping Li. 2013. The psycholinguistics of bilingualism. New York : Wiley. (CHF 44)

Pré-requis:

Students must have taken an introductory linguistics class. English language skills are necessary.

Forme de l'enseignement:

This seminar will require active student participation during discussions and student presentations.

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