

# Courses and Teaching (SS 11)

## Oberseminar

### **New Research in Semantics**

**Tuesday 10 – 12 h, April 12, 2011 – July 26, 2011, room 306**

The seminar will investigate empirical methods for compositional semantics (psycholinguistic, crosslinguistic and acquisitional approaches to selected semantic phenomena).

**References:** A reading list will be made available in the first session.

**Prerequisites:** Hauptseminar 'Introduction to Semantics'.

**Requirements:** Examination(s) according to the BA/MA/LA requirements.

**Registration:** Central web registration via Campus from January 31 through February 10.

### **Examenskolloquium**

**Thursday 14 – 16, April 14, 2011 – July 21, 2011, room 119**

## Haupt- / Oberseminar

### **Structural Differences (between English and German)**

**Dr. Remus Gergel**

**Thursday 09 – 12, April 21, 2011 – July 7, 2011, room 027**

The goal of this class is to analyze structural differences (mainly between English and German) in a systematic way. To this end we will compare, e.g., the exact properties of the clausal syntax in the two languages, the properties of quantifiers, polarity items (i.e. words such as 'any' or 'ever') and their licensors (e.g. negation), and to some extent the behavior of other scope-bearing elements (e.g. modals). We will thus be particularly interested in differences that have effects at the level of structure which is relevant for interpretation.

**Prerequisites:** A PS-Linguistics in Syntax or Syntax and Semantics.

**Requirements:** Examination(s) according to the BA/LA/MA requirements.

**Registration:** Central web registration via Campus from January 31 through February 10.

## Proseminare

### Proseminare Syntax and Semantics

**Heike Amrehn, M.A.**

**July 25, 2011 – August 12, 2011, 10 – 13 h, room 027 (Blockseminar)**

The course provides an introduction to the sentence structures of English and the way that those structures are interpreted. We discuss the way that English phrases and clauses are built (complementation, modification, movement). Then we investigate how such structures are assigned an interpretation in a systematic way. The main syntactic textbook accompanying the class is Haegeman & Guéron (1999). Further references will be provided in class.

**References:** Haegeman, L. & J. Guéron: English Grammar, Blackwell, 1999.

**Please note:** You have to attend two different proseminars in Linguistics. They can be attended in any order, but should be preceded by the lecture "Introduction to Linguistics", which offers an overview of the field.

**Prerequisites:** Lecture "Introduction to Linguistics". If this is your second proseminar in linguistics, you need the following prerequisites: Your first proseminar, Lecture "Introduction to Linguistics", Language and Use.

**Requirements:** Examination(s) according to the BA/LA requirements. Exam: August 12, 2011.

**Registration:** Central web registration via Campus from January 31 through February 10.

**Nadine Bade, M.A.**

**Thursday 18 – 20 h, April 14, 2011 – July 21, 2011, room 005**

The course provides an introduction to the sentence structures of English and the way that those structures are interpreted. We discuss the way that English phrases and clauses are built (complementation, modification, movement). Then we investigate how such structures are assigned an interpretation in a systematic way.

**References:** Radford, Andrew: Transformational Grammar, Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics (selected chapters).

**Tutorial:** There will be a tutorial for this course, taught by Regina Jünemann. It is recommended that you attend the tutorial. It will take place, Thursday, 20 – 21 h, room 05.

**Prerequisites:** Lecture "Introduction to Linguistics". If this is your second Proseminar in linguistics, you need the following prerequisites: A first Proseminar in linguistics, Lecture "Introduction to Linguistics", Language and Use.

**Requirements:** Regular attendance and active participation, two homework assignments, a midterm exam, and a final written exam.

**Registration:** Central web registration via Campus from January 31 through February 10.

**Sonja Tiemann, M.A.**

**Tuesday 18 - 20 h, April 12, 2011 – July 19, 2011, room 119**

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