

Course Title	Language and Mind				
Course Code	ENG 161				
Course Type	Compulsory				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	1 st year / 2 nd semester				
Teacher's Name	Kleanthes K. Grohmann				
ECTS	5	Lectures / week	2	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course Purpose and Objectives	This course provides an introduction to the biological basis of language by addressing some fundamental questions regarding human language, such as how language is (i) represented in our minds, (ii) acquired by children, and (iii) processed by adults. Ultimately, this course will explore the relationship between language and thought in a biolinguistic setting, from conceptual-theoretical perspectives (what is often called the philosophy of language) as well as experimental-applied perspectives (psycholinguistics at large).				
Learning Outcomes	Students will have received a solid introduction to the biolinguistic perspective of language and to acquired the necessary skills to tackle more advanced topics in theoretical linguistics, language development, and psycholinguistics.				
Prerequisites	ENG 160	Required	N/A		
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The human mind ▪ Knowledge of language ▪ Acquisition of language ▪ Lexicon and morphology ▪ Poverty of stimulus ▪ Universal Grammar ▪ Recursion and parameters ▪ Syntax and semantics ▪ Language and the brain ▪ Neurobiology of language ▪ Evolution of language 				
Teaching Methodology	Focus will be put on the interaction between linguistic analysis (morphology, syntax, and semantics) and application (acquisition, psycho-, and neurolinguistics). Specific attention will be given to a larger multidisciplinary ontology (philosophy, biology, genetics, evolution). Each lesson will outline a set of related notions and problems in the context of language, cognition, and the mind/brain distinction.				
Bibliography	Boeckx, C. (2010). <i>Language in Cognition: Uncovering Mental Structures and the Rules behind Them</i> . Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.				
Assessment	3 homework exercises (take-home), 1 mid-term (in-class), 1 final examination (in-class)				
Language	English				