



Comparative Linguistics

Master Minor 30

Modulkatalog

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Einleitung

Der Modulkatalog hilft Ihnen bei der Planung Ihres Studiums, indem er Ihnen eine Übersicht über alle Module Ihres Studienprogramms bietet. Das Dokument enthält folgende Rubriken:

- Übersicht über die Modulgruppen Ihres Studienprogramms
- Übersicht über die Module in den Modulgruppen
- Katalog der Pflichtmodule, Wahlpflichtmodule und Wahlmodule

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Übersicht über die Modulgruppen

06M-7273i01	Typological and Documentary Linguistics
06M-7273i02	Indo-European Studies
06M-7273i03	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics



Übersicht über die Module in den Modulgruppen

06M-7273i01	Typological and Documentary Linguistics	Modultyp ECTS
06SM272-513	Field Methods: Elicitation Techniques	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-514	Grammar Writing	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-515	Linguistic Analysis and Annotation – Practical Application	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-516	Written Paper in Typological and Documentary Linguistics	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-517	Structures in Language Families and Areas	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-518	Typologies of Linguistic Structures	Wahlpflicht 6
06M-7273i02	Indo-European Studies	Modultyp ECTS
06SM272-504	Conditions of Language Dynamics	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-506	Statistical Modeling of Language Dynamics	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-519	Diversity of Indo-European Languages	Wahlpflicht 9
06SM272-521	Qualitative Reconstruction	Wahlpflicht 9
06M-7273i03	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	Modultyp ECTS
06SM272-507	Mechanisms in Child Language Development	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-509	Variation in Child Language Development	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-522	Practical Exercises in Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-523	Written Paper in Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	Wahlpflicht 6
06SM272-524	Language and Cognition	Wahlpflicht 6
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06SM272-526	Assessed Work Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	Wahlpflicht 6
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Katalog der Pflichtmodule, Wahlpflichtmodule und Wahlmodule

Der Katalog enthält Informationen zu jedem Pflicht- und Wahlpflichtmodul.

Zum Teil finden Sie auch Informationen zu Wahlmodulen [Modultitel in eckigen Klammern]. Beachten Sie, dass die Titel von Wahlmodulen semesterweise wechseln können und dass oft weitere, nicht im Modulkatalog enthaltene Wahlmodule angeboten werden. Diese und alle anderen semesterbezogenen Informationen (wie Veranstaltungstitel, Termine, Dozierende, Informationen zur Buchung) entnehmen Sie dem aktuellen Vorlesungsverzeichnis.



Modulkürzel	06SM272-513
Modulgruppe	Typological and Documentary Linguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Field Methods: Elicitation Techniques

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Übung
Allg. Beschreibung	Participants learn and practice how to elicit and analyze language data in cooperation with native speakers. Various tools (e.g. questionnaires and production stimuli) are presented and their use practiced.
Lernziel	Participants are able to detect and analyze linguistic structures through elicitation.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis. This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio (50% oral work, 50% written work)
Notenskala	bestanden/nicht bestanden
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Frühjahrssemester)



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Grammar Writing

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Selbststudium
Allg. Beschreibung	Students collect and analyze linguistic structures (via elicitation, corpus analysis, analysis of published data etc.) and describe the results and the resulting empirical evidence in the form of a short grammar or grammar section.
Lernziel	Ability to write up an independently conducted linguistic analysis and its evidence in the form of a grammar; ability to argue for a linguistic analysis and support the argument with data.
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch - gemäss individueller Absprache mit der Betreuungsperson
Voraussetzungen	advanced knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis; it is recommended students book this module after or at the same time as one or more modules in the module group Typological and Documentary Linguistics This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	written paper
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes Semester)



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Linguistic Analysis and Annotation – Practical Application

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Übung
Allg. Beschreibung	Students analyze and gloss recordings, texts and/or corpora of a selected language with the help of word lists or dictionaries. In the process, they become acquainted with the structure of the language on all levels and acquire skills in handling raw linguistic data.
Lernziel	Ability to make linguistic raw data accessible and to annotate them on the basis of an analysis (glossing).
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis. This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	documented practical work in the form of glossed, analyzed data
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes Herbstsemester)



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Written Paper in Typological and Documentary Linguistics

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Selbststudium
Allg. Beschreibung	Students choose a topic in agreement with their supervisor. They then immerse themselves into the topic with the help of literature and potentially language data of their own, and critically summarize results in the form of a self-guided written paper.
Lernziel	Ability to independently create a critical synthesis of the current state of the art on the basis of language data and published literature, in the form of a scientific paper.
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch - gemäss individueller Absprache mit der Betreuungsperson
Voraussetzungen	basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	written paper
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes Semester)



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Structures in Language Families and Areas

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	The course introduces the main structures of a selected language family and/or of a selected linguistic area. Students read relevant literature and work with different datasets, which they present orally and summarize in the form of a written paper.
Lernziel	Participants gain an overview of the main linguistic structures in a selected language family and/or a selected linguistic area and can apply that knowledge to the analysis of individual languages.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio (50% oral work, 50% written work)
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Frühjahrssemester)



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Typologies of Linguistic Structures

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	The course introduces the typological diversity of selected linguistic structures. Students read relevant literature and work with different datasets, which they present orally and summarize in the form of a written paper.
Lernziel	Participants know the current state of the art in our understanding of the typological diversity of selected linguistic structures and can apply this knowledge to the analysis of individual languages.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio (50% oral work, 50% written work)
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Herbstsemester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-504
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Conditions of Language Dynamics

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	The course introduces the current state of research on selected cognitive-biological and sociocultural conditions that constrain or shape language change. It teaches in particular how to conceive of theoretical approaches as well as how to choose appropriate methods.
Lernziel	Knowledge of the major cognitive-biological and socio-cultural conditions that constrain or shape language change; knowledge of the methods with which these conditions are researched; ability to formulate research questions to study these conditions.
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch
Voraussetzungen	Basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis; knowledge of key concepts of language relatedness and language change. This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio: 50% presentation (several short presentations or one longer presentation), 50% written paper
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Herbstsemester)



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Statistical Modeling of Language Dynamics

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Übung
Allg. Beschreibung	This exercise group treats the main statistical methods for modeling language dynamics in space and time. This includes teaching and developing the theoretical basis and assumptions of the models as well as the application of methods to suitable datasets and critical evaluation of the results.
Lernziel	Knowledge of the main statistical methods to model language dynamics in space and time; ability to apply these methods to suitable data and critically evaluate the results.
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch
Voraussetzungen	Basic knowledge of statistics and probability theory; basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis; knowledge of key concepts of language relatedness and language change. This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio (20% written exercises, 80% written paper)
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Frühjahrssemester)



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Diversity of Indo-European Languages

ECTS	9
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	This course treats the diversity of Indo-European languages and the relevance of mechanisms that are responsible for diversity or uniformity. The course also teaches how the Indo-European language family and its member languages differ from other language families, how these profiles change through space and time, and how this can be interpreted to inform reconstruction.
Lernziel	Overview of the diversity of structures in Indo-European languages, and overview of the mechanisms of language change that are responsible for these structures.
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch/Englisch
Voraussetzungen	—
Leistungsnachweis	oral exam
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes 2. Herbstsemester)



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Qualitative Reconstruction

ECTS	9
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	The course treats methods of qualitative reconstruction within the Indo-European language family, and teaches the skills that are necessary to evaluate reconstructions and to conduct work on reconstructions. It foregrounds the relevance of different data types, reconstruction methods and principles. It covers single branches as well as the whole language family.
Lernziel	Ability to evaluate and discuss reconstructions of the protolanguage and internal protolanguages and to conduct work on qualitative reconstructions.
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch
Voraussetzungen	—
Leistungsnachweis	documented practical work
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes 2. Herbstsemester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-507
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Mechanisms in Child Language Development

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	The course introduces different theories prevalent in research on language development, with special attention on the acquisition mechanisms (e.g. statistical learning, generalisation mechanisms) that individual theories postulate. Particular focus is put on the status of cognitive prerequisites in early childhood.
Lernziel	Knowledge of the cognitive-biological and socio-cultural foundations of child language development. In-depth understanding of the basic prerequisites and cognitive mechanisms that underlie language development during ontogeny. Knowledge of the factors (e.g. quantity and quality of the input) that can influence development mechanisms.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis; knowledge of the central aspects of language development in children and the main methods of their study (corresponding to the content of the BA module "Language Development")
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio: 50% presentation (several short presentations or one longer presentation), 50% written paper
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Frühjahrssemester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-509
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
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Variation in Child Language Development

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	The course introduces selected topics of language development research, in particular with regard to variation and its reasons. This includes the causes of speaker-specific variation as well as the role of cross-linguistic variation in child language development.
Lernziel	Understanding of the role of individual and cross-linguistic variation in early childhood development, of the environmental factors that can influence individual variation, and of the relevance of research into language development for the understanding of language evolution.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Basic knowledge of key concepts in linguistic analysis; knowledge of the central aspects of child language development and the main methods of their study (according to the content of the BA module "Language Development").
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio: 50% presentation (several short presentations or one longer presentation), 50% written paper
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Herbstsemester)



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Practical Exercises in Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Übung
Allg. Beschreibung	This exercise group teaches how to design and execute neurolinguistic or psycholinguistic research projects with experimental and/or observational paradigms. Students learn how to empirically analyze and operationalize research questions and how to present this research in scientific writing.
Lernziel	Ability to address a neurolinguistic or psycholinguistic research question empirically.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Knowledge of key concepts of neurolinguistic or psycholinguistic research; basic knowledge of statistic methods; basic knowledge of linguistic data science. This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	documented practical work
Notenskala	bestanden/nicht bestanden
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes Herbstsemester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-523
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Written Paper in Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Selbststudium
Allg. Beschreibung	Students choose a topic in agreement with their supervisor, into which they immerse themselves with the help of literature and potentially their own language data, and which they critically summarize in a self-guided written paper.
Lernziel	Ability to independently write a critical synthesis of the current state of the art on the basis of published literature, in the form of a scientific paper
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch - gemäss individueller Absprache mit der Betreuungsperson
Voraussetzungen	knowledge of key concepts of neurolinguistic or psycholinguistic research This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	written paper
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes Semester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-524
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Language and Cognition

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	This seminar teaches the current state of the art on selected relationships between linguistic and cognitive processes and categories. Students familiarize themselves independently with the specialized literature on the topic. The focus is on the impact that language-specific grammatical and semantic particularities can have on non-linguistic conceptualization, as e.g. examined in research on linguistic relativity.
Lernziel	Knowledge of the main relationships between linguistic and cognitive processes and categories. Understanding how empirical research and theoretical models overlap with conceptual assumptions. Ability to critically evaluate empirical evidence and its interpretation.
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Knowledge of the main (neuro-)cognitive processes of language processing and their interaction with non-linguistic cognition and perception; basic knowledge of the corresponding research methods (according to the content of the BA module "Language and Cognitive Processes")
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio (50% oral work, 50% written work)
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semestrig (Beginn im Frühjahrssemester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-525
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Cognitive Neuroscience of Language

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Seminar
Allg. Beschreibung	This course teaches the current state of the art on selected mechanisms of language production and comprehension. Students familiarize themselves with the specialized literature on the topic.
Lernziel	Knowledge of the main mechanisms of language production and language comprehension
Unterrichtssprache	English
Voraussetzungen	Knowledge of the main (neuro-)cognitive processes of language processing and their interaction with non-linguistic cognition and perception; basic knowledge of the corresponding research methods (corresponding to the content of the BA module "Language and Cognitive Processes"). This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	Portfolio (50% oral work, 50% written work)
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	2-semesterig (Beginn im Frühjahrssemester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-526
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahlpflicht
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Assessed Work Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Praktikum
Allg. Beschreibung	Students familiarize themselves with a current topic of research independently but with guidance, and prepare a larger-scale research project, with the aim of learning how to formulate hypotheses, how to test their predictions, how to conduct pilot studies and how to write a project proposal. This course lends itself to the preparation of an MA thesis research question.
Lernziel	Advanced knowledge of a sub-field of neurolinguistics or psycholinguistics and practical experience in designing and presenting research questions
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch oder Englisch - gemäss individueller Absprache mit der Betreuungsperson
Voraussetzungen	This module is open only to Master's students. It may not be booked by Bachelor's students as a pre-Master's module.
Leistungsnachweis	documented practical work
Notenskala	bestanden/nicht bestanden
Repetierbarkeit	einmal wiederholbar, erneut buchen
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (jedes Semester)



Modulkürzel	06SM272-613o
Modulgruppe	Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Modultyp	Wahl
Organisation	Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution

Brain, Language, Experiments

ECTS	6
Lehrformen	Vorlesung mit integrierter Übung
Allg. Beschreibung	To study the brain-language relationships a lot of different measurement techniques (electroencephalography, structural and functional neuroimaging, non-invasive neuromodulation, brain lesion mapping, functional near-infrared spectroscopy etc.) have meanwhile been established. The course is meant to theoretically introduce the various approaches. When possible hands on training will be included in the classes. The goal is to acquire a solid theoretical and practical knowledge about the pros and cons of the various techniques and to learn which imaging approach should be used to answer specific questions when running experimental studies in neurolinguistics.
Lernziel	
Unterrichtssprache	Englisch
Voraussetzungen	—
Leistungsnachweis	schriftliche Arbeit
Notenskala	1-6, in Halbschritten
Repetierbarkeit	keine Wiederholungsmöglichkeit
Angebotsmuster	1-semesterig (einmalig)