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Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Doctoral Program Course

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Doctoral Programs Board of the Faculty of Arts and Education on 2020-03-11.

Discipline/Main Field of Study

English

Course Title

Researching the nexus between language and thought

Higher Education Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Language of Instruction

English

Degree Level

Doctoral

Prerequisites

Admission to a doctoral program.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, doctoral students should be able to

- critically review different theories used in the description of the language and thought nexus,
- critically assess historical and contemporary scholarly debates on the relationship between language and thought,
- compare and evaluate methods to investigate phenomena related to language and thought, and
- present a critical review of selected scientific articles published in the field.

Course Content

This course reviews the current debate on the relationship between language and thought. It discusses opposing theories that have been put forward in the field, phylogenetic and ontogenetic aspects of language and thought, and prominent case studies presenting evidence in relation to linguistic relativity. The impact of second language acquisition and bilingualism on individuals' thought and thinking is also considered. Research methods that have been and are prevalent in the field are contrasted and evaluated throughout the course, and students will work on improving their skills in presenting arguments in both oral and written modes in English.

Course Literature

Please consult separate document.

Examination

Assessment takes the form of oral presentations and individual written hand-in assignments.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U) or Pass (G) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

The outcomes achieved and students' learning conditions are evaluated during and upon completion of the course. These results shall be taken into account for the planning and development of subsequent offerings.