

Subject card

Subject name and code	General Linguistics, PG_00137848						
Field of study	English Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Institute of English and American Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Konrad Radomyski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		18.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of modern linguistics and to demonstrate the variety of approaches to the study of language. During the course, students will learn about the most important subsystems of language and selected topics in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, and text linguistics. The course aims to develop students' ability to analyze linguistic phenomena and to spark their interest in language as one of the most complex and fascinating elements of human cognition and communication.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[FAMU2_K01] Is ready to critically evaluate the extent of their knowledge and skills, in particular in the field of English-language linguistics and literature and English.	The student is prepared to critically assess the scope of their own knowledge and skills in the field of English general linguistics.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[FAMU2_K02] Is prepared to recognise the importance of knowledge and skills in English Studies in solving cognitive and practical problems and to seek the advice of a supervisor in their chosen place of work in the event of difficulty in solving problems on their own.	The student is prepared to recognize the importance of knowledge and skills in the field of English general linguistics in solving linguistic problems and to seek the guidance of an academic advisor when encountering difficulties in solving problems independently.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[FAMU2_U06] Can communicate in speech and writing in English and Polish with diverse audiences on specialized topics in the field of linguistics and literature, also using advanced specialized terminology.	The student is able to effectively communicate with a variety of audiences on general linguistic topics, employing advanced specialized terminology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[FAMU2_W05] Knows and understands advanced terminology in the field of linguistics, in particular those used in English language studies.	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of advanced terminology related to the fundamental issues of English general linguistics and language study.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[FAMU2_W01] Knows and understands in depth selected issues constituting advanced general knowledge in the field of English linguistics	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of selected issues representing advanced general knowledge in the field of English general linguistics.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	1. Introduction to Linguistics . 2. Phonetics and Phonology (speech organs, classification and description of consonants and vowels, phonemes, allophones, syllable structure, complementary distribution). 3. Morphology and Word Formation (morphemes, inflection and derivation, word structure, selected word-formation processes). 4. Syntax (parts of speech, constituents, grammatical categories and functions, phrase and sentence structure, introduction to the functional categories TP and CP). 5. Semantics (linguistic meaning, the concept of the lexeme, lexical relations, figurative language, culturally determined vocabulary and categories). 6. Pragmatics (meaning in context, implicature, presupposition, speech acts, linguistic politeness). 7. Sociolinguistics (language variation, geographical, social and professional varieties of language, multilingualism, language contact, selected aspects of the history of English). 8. Classification of the World's Languages (genetic and typological classification of languages, language families). 9. Text Linguistics (text and discourse, cohesion and coherence, information structure in texts). 10. Psycholinguistics (language acquisition, stages of child language development, the organization of the mental lexicon).		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Attendance is mandatory in every meeting unless the student has obtained the dean's permission to follow an individual study plan.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test/exam - oral/written	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Crystal, David (2007). <i>How Language Works</i> . London: Penguin Group. Fromkin, Victoria, Robert Rodman, Nina Hyams (2014). <i>An Introduction to Language</i> . Boston: Wadsworth CENGAGE Learning. Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen, Andrew Spencer (2009). <i>Linguistics: An Introduction</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.	
	Supplementary literature	Malmkjaer, Kristen (2010). <i>The Routledge Linguistics Encyclopedia</i> . London-New York: Routledge. Polański, Kazimierz (eds.) (2003). <i>Encyklopedia językoznawstwa ogólnego [Encyclopedia of General Linguistics]</i> . Wrocław: Ossolineum. Tabakowska, E. (2001). <i>Kognitywne podstawy języka i językoznawstwa [The Cognitive Foundations of Language and Linguistics]</i> . Kraków: Universitas.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	
Work placement	Not applicable

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