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Language and Cognition

Cognición y procesos cognitivos en lengua inglesa

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NOMBRE DE LA ASIGNATURA / COURSE NAME

Language and Cognition ('Cognición e procesos cognitivos en lingua inglesa')

CRÉDITOS ECTS / CREDITS

3 ECTS

CARÁCTER / COURSE TYPE

Optional

CUATRIMESTRE / SEMESTER

2nd.

REQUISITOS PREVIOS RECOMENDADOS / PREREQUISITES

None.

OBJETIVOS / OBJECTIVES

This course constitutes an introduction to cognition phenomena and language processing. The main goal is to investigate how the human mind (and, ultimately, the human brain) stores and uses language on line. The course seeks to provide students with basic knowledge about the psychological reality of language and of the way in which the mind makes use (or not) of grammatical knowledge in ordinary language use.

COMPETENCIAS / COMPETENCES

G01, G02, G03, G04, G05, G06, G07, G08, G09,G10, E01, E02, E04

CONTENIDOS / CONTENTS

1. Introduction to psycholinguistics: aims, scope and methods.
2. Experience or genes. Innateness.
3. The biology of language. Acquisition.
4. Words in the mind.
5. Production, comprehension and parsing.
6. Cognitive linguistics: introduction (guiding assumptions, architecture) and models.

METODOLOGÍA / TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Lectures and seminars, combined with online coursework.

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS / ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

In-class exercises / Assignments.

EVALUACIÓN / ASSESSMENT

Attendance to class is compulsory.

Active participation in class: 20%

Course assignments: 60%

Oral and written skills; correct structuring and presentation of the course assignments: 20%

Assessment in July: written examination (100%)

In all other cases (students unable to attend classes, students retaking the course, etc.): assessment will be based on the final written examination (= 100%)

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