

ZSL 3 BA Seminar

Academic year 2025/2026

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## **Experimental linguistics**

### **Description:**

This seminar will focus on experimental research in linguistics. Students will be familiarized with the essential concepts necessary to understand the results of psychological and cognitive research on language. The most common methods used in psycholinguistic studies will be discussed, including (but not limited to) reaction time experiments, self-paced reading, speeded judgments, eye-tracking, and event-related brain potentials. Participants will be encouraged to select their thesis topics according to their own interests (ideally – though not necessarily – situated within the domains of semantics or pragmatics), and we will jointly develop a research plan that will enable them to verify their hypotheses empirically. The final thesis should include the results of a conducted pilot or full study.

### **Theses' topic areas:**

You will have flexibility in choosing your thesis topic. However, some of the research areas in which we will surely find common ground (thus enabling smooth cooperation) are:

1. Figurative language processing.
2. Individual and social differences in language use.
3. Bilingualism and multilingualism.
4. Foreign-accented speech processing.
5. Language processing in context.
6. Second language acquisition.

### **Credit:**

To obtain the credit in the winter term, participants will be required to:

1. Submit the topic of the thesis and research plan by mid-November.
2. Submit the first chapter of the thesis by mid-January.

To obtain the credit in the summer term, participants will be required to:

1. Submit the second chapter of the thesis by mid-April.
2. Submit the third chapter of the thesis by mid-May.