

BA SEMINAR Linguistics/ Applied Linguistics

Content:

The seminar focuses on teaching and learning a foreign language. It aims at providing an overview of the most recent research findings, especially teacher training, learning strategies and learner autonomy, different individual differences, age groups and their implications for language learning and language teaching, introducing language skills, task-based instruction, culture in the classroom, L1, errors etc. Furthermore, the seminar also deals with general linguistic issues for those students who prefer to investigate language characteristics and language connected topics.

Format: During the meetings the students will be familiarized with main issues concerning research methodology within the field of SLA or general linguistics. The seminar will also aim at developing necessary skills to conduct a successful research project in the field of SLA or general linguistics, placing particular emphasis on the:

- choice of the topic,
- the selection and critical analysis of the relevant literature,
- research planning and implementation,
- qualitative and quantitative analysis of the collected data,
- drawing appropriate conclusions and the ability to report on the results of a research project in accordance with formal requirements.

Examples of the BA thesis topics may include:

1. Selected examples of word formation processes
2. Dialects around the English speaking world
3. Semantics and meaning in language
4. Pragmatics, language in social context
5. Errors in language
6. Teacher in a foreign language classroom
7. Individual differences in language learning
8. Elements of culture in an English speaking classroom
9. Materials and techniques in teaching English
10. Motivation and anxiety in a foreign language classroom