Name of the course: On interpretations of compositional telicity
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Short course description (5-10 lines) with key words at the end of the paragraph
Telicity is defined in terms of culmination requirements, whereby telic predicates, but not atelic ones, have an inherent culmination point which must be reached in order for the predicate to be true. However, non-culminating readings of telic predicates are in fact found in a considerable number of languages across the world. In this course we will explore the phenomenon of compositional telicity in adult language, focusing non-culminating readings of telic predicates. We will survey a number of key theoretical works on the topic, present and discuss important empirical findings, and finally, allow the students to conduct their own experimental work.

Key words: aspect, telicity, non-culmination, experimental psycholinguistics

Course requirements:
Attendance required yes
1. Participation  5%
2. Reading questions/assignments  25%
3. Class presentations  25%
4. Final paper 45%