

Academic year 2023-24 (תשפ"ד)

Course title (English): Topics in experimental linguistics

Course title (Hebrew): סוגיות בבלשנות ניסויית

Course number: 133-1- 0084

Course slot (semester/s, weekday/s, hours): spring semester, weekly meetings Wed. 10-12

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By appointment

Course description & objectives:

The importance of using experimental methods to test linguistic hypotheses has become increasingly recognized in recent decades, as collaborations between theoretical linguists and experimental psycholinguists have proven invaluable to the field of linguistics. This course introduces students to key concepts and methodological principles of experimental linguistics, as well as a broader understanding of the reciprocal relationship between linguistic theory and experimental methods. It is mainly geared toward students who are enthusiastic about linguistics and are eager to start their own independent research.

Course requirements:

Students are expected to attend class regularly, complete the reading assignments on Perusall, and actively participate in class discussions. Students who have missed class for any reason are responsible for finding out what information has been missed.

The **final grade** for the course will be based on:

- Participation (15%)
- Reading and annotations via Perusall (15%) - pass/fail
- Final paper (70%)

Important!

Students must submit at least 80% of reading and tutorial assignments. Failing to do this will result in automatic failure. Note that 80% is merely the threshold for passing; each assignment still counts towards the final grade.

Extra credit can be earned through:

- Consistently high annotation score (3%)

Topics & bibliography

Topics:

- Basic concepts in experimental linguistics
- Designing experiments in linguistics
- Offline methods: acceptability judgment

Selected bibliography:

Arunachalam, S. (2013). Experimental methods for linguists. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 7(4), 221-232

Gillioz, C., & Zufferey, S. (2020). *Introduction to experimental linguistics*. John Wiley & Sons.

Academic honesty

You are highly encouraged to read, discuss and study together with your fellow students, both for the assignments and for the exams. However, all work that you submit in your name, must be **your own original work**. Plagiarism and cheating are forms of academic dishonesty and will be (potentially) rewarded with a failing grade for the entire course.

The university guidelines on academic honesty, is stated in section 4 of the following document:
https://in.bgu.ac.il/acadsec/doclib2/plagiarism_eng.pdf