

Course title	Language, mind, and culture	Instructor	Determined later
		Instructor's	
		email address	
Semester	1 🗹 2 🗹	ECTS credits	3
Academic year	2019/2020	Contact hours	15 □ 30 🗹
Level	1-Bachelor ☑ 2 - Master □	Language of	English
		instruction	

Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course the learner is expected to be able to:

- Describe basic philosophical, psychological, and neurobiological approaches to human mind, its functioning, and organization
- Describe how language is represented on neurological, psychological, and cultural level
- Describe the ways in which culture affects mental processing and social behaviour, and the limits of this phenomenon
- Give the examples of some non-linguistic cultural differences related to mental processing and social behavior across human populations
- Give the examples of cognitive diversity
- Give the examples of linguistic diversity
- Describe the ways in which language can shape thinking, and the limits of this phenomenon

Course contents

- 1 Mind philosophical perspectives on human mind
- 2 Mind in psychology and neuroscience
- 3 Language its neurological, psychological, and cultural dimensions
- 4 Culture what is it and how it influences our thinking and behavior?
- 5 Cognitive diversity across human populations
- 6 Linguistic diversity across human populations
- 7 Linguistic relativity how language influences our thinking

Recommended reading

Braisby, N. & Gellatly, A. (Eds.) (2012). Cognitive Psychology. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Dąbrowska, E. & Divjak, D. (Eds.) (2015). Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Duranti, A. (Ed.) (2004). A Companion to Linguistic Anthropology. Oxford: Blackwell.

Everett, C. (2013). *Linguistic Relativity. Evidence Across Languages and Cognitive Domains*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Frankish, K. & Ramsey, W. (Eds.) (2012). *The Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Haspelmath, M., Dryer, M. S., Gil, D. & Comrie B. (Eds.)(2005). *The World Atlas of Language Structures*.

Kemmerer, D. (2015). Cognitive Neuroscience of Language. New York: Psychology Press.

Kitayama, S. & Cohen, D. (Eds.) (2007). Handbook of Cultural Psychology. New York: Guilford.



Sharifian, F. (2017). *Cultural Linguistics. Cultural conceptualizations and language*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Teaching and learning methods

Lecture, exercises in groups, group discussion

Assessments methods

Test at the end of the course, Attendance