

# Language and Mind

Winter 2011 - Tuesday 2-4pm

ArtsOne 1.28

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## Assessments

**All written work must be submitted both by paper copy with orange cover & via Blackboard pdf file upload. The Blackboard upload will constitute the definitive timestamp. Only pdf files will count - no .doc or .docx files under any circumstances.**

### 0.1 External Experiences Write Up [40% of mark]

Students will engage in two activities outside of class and report on them for credit. Both reports are due on the last day of class (March 27th, before 4pm).

**1.** Each student must be a participant in a Linguistics or Psychology research experiment, and produce a 500 word report on their experience. A list of currently running experiments in the Laboratory for Experimental Linguistics (LabEL) will be provided. A template for the report will be available on Blackboard.

**2.** Each student must attend a Linguistics talk and write a 500 word report on the talk. The complete list of talks offered by the Linguistics department at QMUL is available on the Events page of the website: [www.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/linguistics/events/index.html](http://www.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/linguistics/events/index.html). A template for the report will be available on Blackboard.

### 0.2 Homeworks [60% of mark]

There will be 8 weekly homework exercises. Students are required to submit 6 assignments, each worth 10% of the final module mark.

Students can either choose to only submit the minimum required number of assignments, or can submit more than the minimum, in which case the best 6 homework marks will be counted.

## Readings

The required text for this module is I-Language: an Introduction to Linguistics as Cognitive Science by Daniela Isac & Charles Reiss. 2008. Oxford University Press. You can order it from Amazon.co.uk, it ships within 1-2 days.

Other readings will be made available on Blackboard. Students are responsible for downloading all readings and ensuring they have the software required to read and print pdf files.

## Schedule

Week	Topic	Readings	Assignment
1	Introduction/Overview		
2	Intro to Neurobiology of Language	Gazzaniga Chp 1	none
3	Cognitive Neuroscience Methods	Gazzaniga Chp 4	HW 1
4	Internalist/Cognitive Perspective	I-Language Chp 1 & 2	HW 2
5	Object of Inquiry	I-Language Chp 3 & 4	HW 3
6	Abstraction/Rules & Representations	I-Language Chp 5 & 6	HW 4
<b>7</b>	<b>READING WEEK</b>		
8	Sentence Structure	Chp 7 + Hudson 1996	HW 5
9	Binding	Chp 8 + Lidz et al 2009	HW 6
10	Language and Biology	Chp 10 + Rey et al 2012	HW 7
11	Learnability & UG	Chp 11	HW 8
12	Wrap Up/Review		Experiment Summary + Talk Summary

## Extensions/Late Work

If you are unable to meet an assessed coursework deadline owing to extenuating circumstances you may apply for an extension. This should be at least ONE WEEK in advance of the deadline. This applies even if a deadline falls at the very beginning of a semester. You should make an appointment by e-mail with the relevant Senior Tutor (First Year students: Dr Robert Gillett (Arts 203; r.m.gillett@qmul.ac.uk); Second Year and Erasmus students: Professor Omar Garcia (Arts 1.34; o.a.garcia@qmul.ac.uk); Final Year and Year Abroad students: Professor Peter Evans (Arts 1.40b; p.w.evans@qmul.ac.uk)). The reasons for the request must be explained by you at your appointment and should be accompanied by supporting documentation, e.g. a medical certificate or equivalent.

If you have missed a deadline owing to extenuating circumstances on the day of the deadline, you should contact the Senior Tutor as soon as you can. In such cases, it is acceptable to seek an extension after the event.

Extension of a deadline will ONLY be granted in cases of genuine extenuating circumstances; it is not an automatic right. You will not be granted an extension for foreseeable problems, such as conflicting deadlines, difficulty in obtaining books from the Library, or having to take paid work. Remember that, unless an extension has been agreed, a late essay will receive a mark of **no more than 40% (a bare pass)** if submitted within two weeks, and a mark of **zero** if submitted more than two weeks late.