The Origin and Development of the Language Faculty

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the main issues and topics regarding the origin and the development of the language faculty through phylogenesis and ontogenesis. Students will be introduced to different approaches in this research area and have the chance not only to integrate and apply the knowledge of the disciplines they are already familiar with (linguistics, psycholinguistics, language acquisition), but also to acquire the basic concepts and knowledge of other disciplines (neuropsychology, evolutionary biology, anthropology) involved in this interdisciplinary scientific field.