

Understanding Aphasia: Theories, methods, sub-types, and rehabilitation

Aims: To provide an overview of current state of knowledge in the field of aphasia (the study of acquired language impairments). Students will learn about current theories and controversies. By the end of the module, they should be able to place theories of aphasia in an historical perspective, be able to apply them to the diagnosis and rehabilitation of aphasic patients and understand how aphasia studies should be able to further our understanding of normal language processing as well as inform clinical treatment.

Mode of delivery - 7 sessions each lasting 3 hours – delivered 3 times a week according schedule below

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LIST of LECTURES

Wednesday September 11th Room 10 from 14:00 to 17:00 - Language in the brain – General assumptions.

Thursday September 12th Room 10 from 14:00 to 17:00 - Lateralization and introduction to aphasia

Monday September 16th Room 10 from 14:00 to 17:00 - Aphasia: Introduction to a speech production model: Different stages predicting different types of errors.

Wednesday September 18th Room 10 from 14:00 to 17:00 - Aphasia: An overview of different types: Anomia, phonological impairments, agrammatisms, apraxia of speech and dysarthria. - Workshop with exercises

Thursday September 19th Room 10 from 14:00 to 17:00 - The semantic system and its impairments

Tuesday September 24th **Room 3** from 14:30 to 17:30 - Jargonaphasia + seminar discuss 3 articles in class

Friday September 27th **Room 223** (Sala riunioni Dip. Psicologia second floor) from 14:00 to 17:00 - Apraxia of speech + rehabilitation studies

Assessment:

- Multiple choice questions and short answers at the end of each lecture;
- Class paper discussions