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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ENGM17, English: Corpus Linguistics - Tools, Methods and Analysis, 7.5 credits

Engelska: Korpuslingvistik - Verktyg, metoder och analys, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2020-03-12 to be valid from 2020-03-12, autumn semester 2020.

General Information

This course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Language and Linguistics with specialization in English

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On the completion of the course, the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to discuss the basic assumptions of Corpus Linguistics
- be able to account for key issues and more sophisticated concepts in Corpus Linguistics
- be able to formulate relevant research questions based on the course literature
- be able to account for and assess ethical issues related to corpus compilation, use and dissemination

Competence and skills

- be able to search and use relevant corpora according to the nature of a given research assignment
- be able to use corpus linguistic methods and tools to perform linguistic analyses of written and spoken data
- be able to set the requirements for the compilation of a corpus and the annotation criteria to carry out an individual research assignment
- be able to critically assess research articles with regard to hypothesis, methodology, descriptive adequacy, internal consistency and explanatory value

Judgement and approach

- be able to make metatheoretical reflections on his or her own research
- be able to make methodological decisions according to the nature of a given research task
- be able to assess different theoretical and methodological perspectives in the light of how well they can address specific corpus linguistic tasks

Course content

This course is an introduction to the rapidly growing field of Corpus Linguistics. Corpus Linguistics (CL) is a method to retrieve data to study natural occurring language in different contexts. Retrieval of data is usually carried out with the aid of different types of software. Corpora are machine-readable collections of texts compiled to explore how language is used in real communication, written or spoken. The course combines theoretical insights relating to relevant research questions, criteria and methods for evaluating, building and annotating corpora with exploratory hands-on language lab sessions using tools that have been developed for searching and organizing the data as well as well methods for corpus building and annotation. The main aim is to familiarize the student with how to master the use of language corpora for different purposes in linguistic research.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars, individual and group exercises. The course includes 1-2 obligatory oral presentations of group projects.

Assessment

The course is examined through an individual written assignment.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have at least 90 credits and a completed Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, in a language or in general linguistics.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in ENGM17, English: Corpus Linguistics - Tools, Methods and Analysis

Applies from H20

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