

Topics in Linguistics II

Linguistics 481

Section: D100

Term: 2013 Fall

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Discussion Topics:

This course will provide a general overview of Corpus Linguistics, focusing on contemporary approaches, but also with a historical overview and an examination of the main theoretical issues in the discipline. Students will be introduced to different perspectives in the corpus-based analysis of language (qualitative vs. quantitative; diachronic vs. synchronic; monolingual vs. multilingual). We will examine examples and techniques for analysis at different levels: phonetic/phonological, morphological, lexical, syntactic, semantic/pragmatic, discourse. Students will be able to understand and evaluate the practical issues surrounding data collection, storage, annotation and analysis. Throughout the course students will learn to use some of the most common techniques, tools and software packages in corpus analysis.

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Grading:

The final grade will be calculated according to the percentages below. Please note that the weight distribution is subject to change.

Component

WEIGHT

1-minute papers

5%

Short essay

10%

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Presentation

10%

Participation

10%

Take-home final exam

20%

Assignments

45%

Required Texts:

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McEnery,
Tony and Andrew Hardie (2012) Corpus
Linguistics: Method, Theory and Practice. Cambridge: Cambridge University
Press. ISBN: 9780521547369.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

12 Upper Division LING
units

Notes:

It is strongly recommended
that you see the Student Advisor regarding your degree requirements at least

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two semesters before you plan to graduate. Unless you meet both faculty and major/minor requirements, your graduation cannot be approved.

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities:
<http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/student-resources/department-standards.html>. Please note that a grade of FD may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty. All student requests for accommodations for their religious practices must be made in writing by the end of the first week of classes or no later than one week after a student adds a course. Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (778-782-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca)

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