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Seminar 1: Corpus Linguistics (2AN1139)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

Equipe enseignante

Martin Hilpert

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This course introduces students to language corpora as a resource for linguistic analysis. The course presents a survey of existing English-language corpora and teaches the use of variety of corpus tools. Students learn the central concepts and methods of corpus linguistics by performing a number of investigations into the lexis and grammar of English.

Forme de l'évaluation

Three different tasks are being evaluated in this seminar.

First, there are obligatory weekly homework assignments from the course book. Each week, students will read chapters from the course book and hand in the results of practical exercises (20% of the final grade).

Second, regular attendance and oral participation in class discussions is a requirement (20% of the final grade).

Finally, a written take-home exam at the end of the semester accounts for the remaining 60% of the final grade. The take-home exam will consist of a set of problems that the students can work on at home without a time limit, using all of the course materials.

Failure to reach a passing grade in each of the three tasks will incur a rattrapage of a written paper (5,000 words, 100%).

Documentation

We will use the following textbook:

Lindquist, Hans. 2009. *Corpus Linguistics and the Description of English*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Readings will be distributed via moodle.

Pré-requis

Introduction to English Linguistics

Forme de l'enseignement

This seminar will require active student participation during classes. Much of the course work will be practical, hands-on work on a computer workstation.

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Demonstrate an understanding of the considerations most central to the process of corpus compilation
- Distinguish a variety of synchronic and diachronic English-language corpora
- Carry out small-scale corpus-based research projects on the lexis and grammar of English
- Demonstrate an understanding of important concepts in corpus-based research
- Write research reports presenting original findings in correct and genre-appropriate prose, using well-chosen methods of data presentation

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- Use a variety of corpus tools to perform searches of spoken and written language data
- Employ both qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis

Compétences transférables

- Generate new ideas
- Apply knowledge to new situations
- Express disapproval at various aspects of corpus linguistics and life in general
- Communicate in a second language