



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Languages

4EN010 Korpusmetoder i praktiken, 15 högskolepoäng
Corpus Methods in Practice, 15 credits

Main field of study

English

Subject Group

English

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Arts and Humanities 2017-10-05

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2018

Prerequisites

English 1–90 credits including a degree project of at least 15 credits.

Objectives

After completing the course, the students should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of corpus studies as a method in English linguistics, translation and teaching,
- account for the theoretical basis of English corpus linguistics,
- demonstrate knowledge of various corpus databases and corpus programmes, and the basics of practical collection of corpus data,
- apply various corpus-based methods in independent projects demonstrating independent and critical approaches,
- understand the principles of representativeness and inferential statistics and demonstrate ability to carry out statistical analyses of language data,
- demonstrate ability to carry out basic data visualisation.

Content

In this course the students develop in-depth knowledge of various corpus linguistic methods and corpus software as well as theoretical knowledge of English language structure and the factors that predict linguistic phenomena. The course includes an introduction to how information from language corpora can be applied in language studies, translation and teaching. The students will learn the statistical principles of corpus-based and corpus-driven analytical methods and develop the ability to analyse quantitative findings using basic inferential methods.

The students learn to apply various corpus-based methods in minor studies conducted on the basis of research articles.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures and seminars. If a distance course, teaching is delivered in thematic modules comprising reading, exercises and interactive video meetings.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the course objectives. The grade A is the highest grade and the grade E is the lowest grade for passing the course. The grade F means that the student has failed the course. Grading criteria for the grades A-B will be specified when the course starts.

The student is examined through oral presentations and a written assignment.

For students who do not pass the first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with local regulations at the university.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Hoffmann, Sebastian, Stefan Evert, Nicholas Smith, David Lee & Ylva Berglund Prytz. 2008. *Corpus Linguistics with BNCweb a Practical Guide*. (English Corpus Linguistics. Vol. 6). Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang. ISBN 9783631563151. (in selection, ca. 150 pages).

Lüdeling, Anke & Merja Kytö (eds.). 2009. *Corpus Linguistics: An International Handbook*. 2 volumes. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. ISBN 9783110180435. (in selection, ca. 250 pages).

McEnery, Tony, Richard Xiao & Yukio Tono. 2006. *Corpus-based Language Studies: An Advanced Resource Book*. London: Routledge. ISBN 0415286239. (in selection, ca. 150 pages).

Material provided by the department (ca 250 p.)