



### ENGLISH LANGUAGE - A (ADVANCED) - CORPORA AND LANGUAGE VARIATION

Enrollment year	2014/2015
Academic year	2014/2015
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	L-LIN/12 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Course	THEORETICAL AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS; LINGUISTICS AND MODERN LANGUAGES
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (22/09/2014 - 22/12/2014)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	36 lesson hours
Language	ITALIAN
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	FREDDI MARIA (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	Minimum three years of English in the undergraduate degree course.
Learning outcomes	<p>This course introduces the fundamentals of English Corpus Linguistics to initiate the novice into this ubiquitous field of language study. It then focuses on five areas of contemporary corpus linguistic work on the English language and its varieties, with the aim of developing in students a kind of corpus proficiency consisting in the ability to perform advanced searches, have a basic understanding of how to interpret concordance data and frequency information and use corpora to answer questions concerning language variation.</p>
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The course is organised as a graduate seminar where regular attendance is encouraged and where course participants are expected to read their reading assignments on a regular basis and come to class ready to discuss them.

The first part of the course is based on the set text *Linguistica dei Corpora*, Carocci (see bibliography). For this part especially, regular readings are assigned after each class. In the second part, students are expected to choose from one of the five following areas and present a case-study to acquire further specialisation: 1) specialised corpora and EAP/ESP; 2) phraseology and theory of collocation; 3) corpora and syntax; 4) corpus stylistics; 5) web as corpus.

Extra classes on oral academic skills are scheduled in the two-terms of each semester run by a Collaboratore ed Esperto Linguistico (dr. Robert Ponzini). Classes will include tasks and activities of the following type: academic orientation, oral presentation, interview. For the timetable, please contact dr. Ponzini directly (through the web page [cla.unipv.it](http://cla.unipv.it)).

#### Teaching methods

Seminar discussions, case-studies and CEL's classes

#### Reccomended or required readings

Set text:

Freddi, M. 2014 *Linguistica dei Corpora*, Roma, Carocci

Further readings and case-studies from:

- 1) M. Charles, J. Flowerdew, M. Freddi
- 2) J. Sinclair, P. Baker
- 3) T. McEnery? and A. Hardie, D. Biber
- 4) M. Mahlberg, M. Stubbs
- 5) M. Gatto, A. Kilgarrieff

Materials for points 1) to 5) will be available under reserve with the Boezio library - Linguistics section, or accessible online through Kiro.

#### Assessment methods

The exam consists in an oral discussion of the set readings and a proposal for an original research question based on one of options 1) to 5).

#### Further information

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#### Sustainable development goals - Agenda 2030

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