



ENGLISH LANGUAGE - A ADVANCED

Enrollment year	2015/2016
Academic year	2015/2016
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	L-LIN/12 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Course	LITERATURES OF EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (21/09/2015 - 23/12/2015)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	36 lesson hours
Language	ENGLISH
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, aimed at students specialising in English enrolled in the two Master's degrees in Linguistics and Modern Languages and in European and American Literature, introduces the fundamentals of contemporary corpus linguistic research on the English language and its varieties, to focus on one specific field of application, namely specialised academic communication.</p> <p>The aim of the course is to develop in students a kind of corpus proficiency consisting in the ability to perform advanced searches through state-of-the-art software, have a basic understanding of how to interpret concordance data and frequency information and use and compile corpora to answer questions concerning language variation and oral and written academic communication in English on linguistic, literary and stylistic topics.</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 and present a case-study to acquire further specialisation.

The second part of the course will host a Visiting Professor, professor Jolanta Sinkuniene from Vilnius University, who specialises in corpora and academic discourse in English and who will teach some of the seminars to enhance in students the analytical and practical skills described above. Prof. Sinkuniene's seminars will run throughout the week of 19 October 2015 according to the course schedule.

Extra classes on oral and written academic skills are scheduled throughout the semester and 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.

Teaching methods

Seminar discussions, case-studies presentations, visiting professor's seminars, CEL's classes

**Reccomended or required
readings**

Set text:

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

Further readings and case-studies will be available under reserve with the Boezio library - Linguistics section, or accessible online through Kiro.

The exam consists in a written paper addressing an original research question concerning corpus use for specialist academic communication in English.

