UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program
Academic year 2019/2020

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND MODERN CULTURES

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 54 hours

COURSE TITLE

LANGUAGE CORPORA AND CORPUS-BASED RESEARCH

TEACHING PERIOD
2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
English language

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

COURSE SUMMARY
This course will be addressed to MA students of Modern Languages for International Communication (LM38). It will focus on key concepts of English language corpora and corpus-based methodologies for vocabulary and terminology extraction. In order to investigate vocabulary and phraseological patterns (collocations, idioms), the tutor may introduce advanced tools for sketching lexical profiles of words and terms in English and in other languages. It will teach students how to build specialized ad hoc corpora, how to use software for the compilation of word lists, bi-grams and multi-word units to meet the needs of discourse analysis and research in terminology.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Students will become familiar with the main English corpora available to date, corpus-query systems such as the Sketch Engine, and software (AntCon, WordSmith Tools) for the analysis of word lists, collocations, bigrams, multi-word units and phraseology in English and other foreign languages. Students will learn how to use advanced electronic tools for sketching lexical profiles of terms and phraseologies, build their own specialized corpora to assist discourse analysis and research in terminology.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Lessons and workshops will involve both lessons on theory and applied classroom activities. For the drafting of final research papers, the tutor will also offer individual or small group sessions.

LAB ACTIVITIES

Lessons and workshops will take place in a classroom equipped with computers for individual and group work on electronic tools.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

The tutor may offer a 2-day workshop addressed to PhD students on the topic of this course.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The visiting professor must be an expert in English corpus linguistics and terminology. Academic teaching experience in these specialized fields will be expected, as well as a strong scientific background in English language and linguistics.

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