



## **Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2023/2024**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT:** 18 hours

**COURSE TITLE**

**Corpus Linguistics – History of English**

**TEACHING PERIOD**

2nd term

**SCIENTIFIC AREA**

Language and Linguistics

**LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH**

English

**COURSE SUMMARY**

The course intends to present the relevance of corpus linguistics for the investigation of English. It will first introduce corpus linguistics, providing a survey of tools and techniques to design and compile text corpora, with a special focus on diachronic corpora of English. Then, it will show how to use corpora for doing linguistic analysis and research. Finally, it will discuss a number of concrete case-studies coming from the history of English which will guide the students through the analysis of single aspects of English and of its diachronic development.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

The students will be required to discuss the relevance of corpus linguistics for the investigation of English highlighting tools and techniques used to design and compile text corpora, with a special focus on diachronic corpora of English. Moreover, they will be required to develop autonomy and flexibility in the comprehension and analysis of corpus linguistics as a specific research field, and to

characterize its relevance for the English language and its history. Furthermore, the students will have to be able to highlight structure and properties of extant corpora of English and to answer questions of an interpretive kind and not based on superficial factual knowledge concerning concrete cases drawn from the text corpora presented during the course.

#### **TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES**

N/A

#### **LAB ACTIVITIES**

N/A

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE**

N/A

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#### **VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**

The visiting professor will have to hold a Ph.D. in Linguistics or Philology and display wide knowledge and experience of research on English and on its history. Moreover, the visiting professor will be required to show familiarity with corpus linguistics, both in its theoretical and its applied dimension, particularly focusing on diachronic corpora.

#### **CONTACT REFERENT**

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