



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 18 hours

COURSE TITLE

Corpus Linguistics – History of German

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 German. 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 German. 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 German which will guide the students through the analysis of single aspects of German and of its diachronic development.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The students will be required to discuss the relevance of corpus linguistics for the investigation of German highlighting tools and techniques used to design and compile text corpora, with a special focus on diachronic corpora of German. 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 German language and its history. Furthermore, the students will have to be able to highlight structure and properties of extant corpora of German 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

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 German 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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