UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program
Academic year 2022/2023

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 48 hours

COURSE TITLE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ANALYSIS AND USE IN SPECIALIZED DOMAINS

TEACHING PERIOD
2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
English Language and Linguistics

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

COURSE SUMMARY
The course will develop the students' ability to analyse and use language in specialized domains, with special focus on the fields of business, institutional communication and tourism. Of central importance for the course is the advanced use of technology, which may include software for language analysis (e.g., concordancers, wordlists, keyword lists) and artificial intelligence systems for language processing (e.g., machine translation, text-editors, proof assistance systems, speech-to-text software).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Students will be encouraged to reflect on the features of specialized genres favouring inductive processes of discovery, and will be required to produce and/or translate specialized texts with the aid of new technologies. The ability to critically assess advantages and challenges in the use of new technologies will also be a learning objective. While the acquisition of theoretical knowledge is a goal, practical skills will also be developed. Students may be asked to create and analyse corpora, produce a text portfolio, present a small-scale research project orally in class, or write a brief research report.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Assistance in the production of tangible outputs and development of relevant to academic literacy skills.

LAB ACTIVITIES

Possibility of booking rooms equipped with computers for activities in smaller groups if needed.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

The Visiting Professor may hold a workshop addressed to PhD candidates.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The visiting professor must be an expert in English linguistics and specialized communication. A background in corpus linguistics and/or artificial intelligence for language processing is a strongly desirable requirement. Academic teaching experience in these fields will be expected, as well as a strong scientific profile.

CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT

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