

Direzione Ricerca, Innovazione e Internazionalizzazione

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VP 120 LIN

Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2025/2026

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 48 hours

COURSE TITLE

English Language Analysis and Use in Specialised Domains

TEACHING PERIOD

II semester

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 specialised domains, with a focus on the fields of business and institutional communication. 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 specialised genres favouring inductive processes of discovery, and will be required to produce and/or translate specialised texts with the aid of new technologies. The ability to 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, and present a small-scale research project orally in class, or write a brief research report.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE

The visiting professor may hold a workshop addressed to PhD candidates.

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

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The Visiting Professor must be an expert in English linguistics and specialised communication. A background in corpus linguistics and 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 REFERENT

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