

Course Syllabus

English: Discourse Analysis 7.5 Credits*, Second Cycle Level 1

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- critically analyze the use and functions of discourse (spoken and written texts) in English, using appropriate terminology
- discuss different ways in which contextual factors may affect the discourse and generalize about how typical forms of speech and writing differ based on context
- account for the typical features of spoken interaction and interpret utterances by referring to principles of conversation
- identify what the characteristic features are of specific types of text, applying knowledge about genre and taking into consideration the social context in which the text is used
- carry out a delimited research project on a sample of authentic discourse in English and present it orally and in writing, showing a high level of communicative competence.

Course Content

What are the fundamental principles that we follow when we communicate? How do speech and writing differ? In what ways do various aspects of the context affect people's language use? These are the core questions addressed in this course on discourse analysis focusing on English. Exploring a variety of approaches to discourse, students will study language beyond the sentence level and analyze how it is used for specific purposes in naturally-occurring discourse.

Assessment

The course is examined through continuous assessment of written assignments and seminar participation.

Forms of Study

The course is taught in the form of lectures and seminars, which include workshops and group work. The research project is presented both orally, at a mini-conference, and in writing, through a final essay. All teaching is conducted in English.

Grades

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Prerequisites

90 credits in English, of which 30 credits in English at First cycle level 2, including the course English: Bachelor Degree Thesis in Linguistics, 15 credits, or equivalent knowledge

Other Information

Replaces EN3069.

The course was part of the Main field of English until 2015-08-01.

Revised

2015-08-01 (main field removed)

2017-03-13 (main field added)

Subject:

English

Group of Subjects:

English

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Applied English Linguistics

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. A1N

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