

English Linguistics II

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Course aims

By the end of the course, students will have acquired the basic concepts and tools of linguistic analysis and will be able to use the appropriate terminology to analyse written and oral texts in English.

Course contents

- Language in texts, communicative situation: language functions
- Textual structure, cohesion, coherence
- Information structure: theme, rheme
- Genres
- Pragmatics
- Speech Act Theory
- Conversational implicature (Grice's Maxims)
- Presupposition and Entailment

Exam

Assessment will be in the form of an oral exam. Students will be required to answer questions designed to assess the acquisition of the course contents and the ability to analyse short written texts and transcripts of oral texts.

Learning material and bibliography

- Cutting, J. and Fordyce K, (2021) Pragmatics. New York: Routledge.
- Kuiper, K. and Allan, W.S. (2016) An Introduction to English Language. Sound, Word and Sentence (4th edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Stilwell Peccei, J. (2007) Pragmatics. New York: Routledge.
- Celce Murcia, M., & Ollshtain, E. (2000). Discourse and Context in Language Teaching. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Notes from the lessons, slides and course material provided during the course.

Bibliographical references will be provided during the course.