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## Introduction to corpus linguistics

Lecturer: Adam J.R. Tallman

Time: Friday 12:00-14:00

Venue: [Carl-Zeiß-Straße 3 - SR 208](#)

## Course description

This course introduces basic concepts and methods in corpus linguistics. It is at an undergraduate level.

## Requirements and marking system

- i. Homeworks: there will be five homework assignments. You have to do all of them and pass four of them in order to be able to do the final project.
- ii. The final project will be 6-8 pages. You have two options: (i) use an available corpus to describe some linguistic phenomenon quantitatively; (ii) construct a pilot corpus and write a paper describing its structure and motivation. You will be graded on your final project.

## Textbooks:

Barth, Danielle & Stefan Schnell. 2022. *Understanding Corpus Linguistics*. Routledge: New York.

(other chapters of textbooks will be suggested as we move along with the course – they will be posted on moodle).

Rough schedule (but you should design your own study schedule with my consultation)

Lecture	Date	Topic/Tasks	Readings/Extra information/tools
Introduction & Basic concepts	October 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Corpus Types	October 27 <sup>th</sup>		B&S 2022: Ch. 1-2
Levels of Linguistic representation	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Homework 1 due	B&S 2022: Ch. 3
Levels of Linguistic representation	November 10 <sup>th</sup>		B&S 2022: Ch. 4
Corpus queries & Introduction to SketchEngine	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Homework 2 due	B&S 2022: Ch. 5
SketchEngine	November 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Corpus annotation – construction	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Homework 3 due	B&S 2022: Ch.6-7
Corpus annotation – construction	December 8 <sup>th</sup>		B&S 2022: Ch.6-7
Statistical description in corpus linguistics	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Homework 4 due	Ch. 8

Statistical description in corpus linguistics & R	January 5 <sup>th</sup>		Ch. 8
Corpora in sociolinguistics	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Homework 5 due	Ch.9
Corpora in language documentation	January 19 <sup>th</sup>		Ch.10
Corpora in language typology	January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Final project draft	Ch.11
	February 14th	Final project	