



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Doctoral Programme Course

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Doctoral Programmes Board of the Faculty of Arts and Education on 13 May 2008.

Discipline/Main Field of Study

English

Course Title

English syntax and morphology

Higher Education Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Language of Instruction

English

Degree Level

Doctoral

Target Group and Prerequisites

The course is primarily aimed at students admitted to a doctoral programme in English, with specialisation in linguistics.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, doctoral students should be able to

- demonstrate command of syntactic terminology
- give an overview of the different aspects of modern English syntax
- compare and analyse the descriptions of some problem areas in English syntax in different standard grammar books
- formulate syntactical research questions so that they may be answered using corpus linguistic approaches
- use English computer corpora and corpus software to test hypotheses on language forms and structures

Course Content

The course starts with an overview of syntactical terms and concepts as well as a discussion of problem areas. The main areas of English syntax and morphology are then studied systematically and descriptions in three standard grammar books are compared and analysed. Different corpora and corpus software are presented and doctoral students

practise using them by examining syntactic structures and morphology on the basis of independently formulated research questions.

Course Literature

See separate document

Examination

Active seminar participation is continuously assessed. To pass the course, additional oral and written presentations of some independent corpus investigations related to the different syntactical topics are required. The course concludes with a final exam.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U) or Pass (G) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

The outcomes achieved and students' conditions for learning are evaluated during and after the course. These results shall be taken into account for the planning and development of subsequent offerings.