Course Description

Course Unit

English Language: System and Use

UC Code

LAC2.12916

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S2

Faculty

Carlos A. M. Gouveia

Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

The course aims at surveying different types of descriptions of discourse, providing students with the acquisition of skills for the analysis of written, spoken and multimodal texts in English and of the specific knowledge of their features as functional variations of different contexts of use and different sociocultural purposes. It is intended to provide students with the necessary skills to develop objective analysis of the texts they are asked to analyse, according to the analytical purposes guiding them, be they linguistic or extralinguistic.

1. What is Discourse Analysis
2. English as a language of research

3. The discursive turn in the social sciences

4. Register: text and situational context

5. Genre: text and cultural context

6. Ideationality: the discursive representation of actors and social actions

7. Interpersonality: speech roles, mood functions and appraisal

8. Textuality: symbolic organization, rhetorical structures

Grading and Assessment

Assessment will consist of a mid-semester test (30%), a small expositive essay (an A4 page) on the contents of a lecture chosen by the student (25%); and an analytical essay based on group work by three students, or, alternatively, a test of an analytical nature at the end of the semester (30%). Attendance (5%) and participation (10%) will also be considered for assessment.

Bibliography

NA

Prerequisites (if applicable)

NA