

Course Description

Course Unit

English Language: Text Analysis and Production

UC Code

LAC2.12841

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Carlos A. M. Gouveia

Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

This curricular unit aims at the study of text as a semantic unit in a particular context, focusing on the linguistic processes behind its structure and organization. Students are invited to analyse different text types and genres of academic discourse and their intimate relation with the discourse semantics and lexicogrammatical processes for the organization of information and knowledge. Based on these, students are also led to produce their own academic texts.

1. Systemic-Functional Grammar.
2. The language metafunctions:
 - 2.1. Ideational, interpersonal and textual functions.

- 2.2. The relation between text and context: the notion of register and the concepts of field, tenor and mode.
- 2.3. Processes of transitivity.
3. The context: sociocultural, communicative and linguistic context.
4. What is a text?
 - 4.1. The concepts of text, texture, cohesion and coherence.
5. Oral and written texts.
6. The processes of textual cohesion: lexical cohesion and grammatical cohesion.
7. Types and genres of text.
8. Types of text and cohesive chains.
9. The production of text.

Grading and Assessment

Assessment will consist of a mid-semester test (30%), a small expository 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