Research Methods and Tools in English Linguistics

Course description
This course introduces students to theoretical and practical research skills in English Linguistics. This includes both theoretical knowledge of basic research methods, designs and tools, as well as the practical ability to undertake a short research project using those tools. At the end of the course, students will be able to master the knowledge and scientific methodologies related to English linguistics that prepare them for more advanced postgraduate studies.

Course Objectives
- To introduce students to the basic methods and tools for undertaking linguistic research in their area of interest.
- To provide students with practical experience in undertaking a short research project.
- To familiarise students with the use of computer analysis tools and technologies, their potential and limitations for linguistic research.

Contents:
1. Introduction: What is research? Research questions in Linguistics. Types of research questions. Operationalizing research questions. Implications for data, data collection and analysis. Overview of areas of study in English Linguistics.
2. Types of research methods: Qualitative, quantitative, mixed method designs. Qualitative research and analysis. Techniques and instruments. Mixed methods research and analysis.
8. Interpretation and presentation of results: Research ethics. Formal aspects of research. The research report format

Methodology
The course will combine directed (lectures, debates), supervised (class assignments, project work) and autonomous activities (readings, homework exercises and assignments) by the students, with an introduction to each topic by the instructor.

Recommended readings:


