Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please visit the exchange programmes webpages.

Discourse Analysis

Course Code	L_AABACIW107
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. F. van der Houwen
Examiner	dr. F. van der Houwen
Teaching Staff	R. Prettner, dr. F. van der Houwen
Teaching method(s)	Seminar, Lecture

Course Objective

Learning outcomes

- Knowledge and understanding of scientific approaches to analyze language in use;
- Knowledge and understanding of the key concepts in discourse analysis;
- Knowledge and understanding of how actions, identities and ideologies are constructed through language and how this is a contingent process;
- Being able to analyze different types of discourse using a variety of discourse analytic approaches.

Course Content

Content
In this course we examine how language (spoken, written, or computer mediated) and other multimodal resources (such as gestures, gaze, body movements) are:

1. structured (rather than random),
2. used to accomplish actions in the world (e.g. order a coffee, convince an employer to invite us for a job interview, inform passengers of a delay),
3. negotiate identities (getting recognized as a 'professional', 'father' or 'reasonable person'), and
4. construct ideologies (systems of ideas or beliefs such as in neoliberalism, free trade, gender role ideology).

Various classic approaches as well as recent applications will be covered during this 6-week course. Besides a theoretical basis in discourse approaches, you will get hands-on experience in applying discourse analytic methods on real data. You will get access to specific software to transcribe and analyze discourse and learn how to gather data and about the ethical implications of doing so.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Two Lectures (each of 2 hours) and one seminar (2 hours) per week

Method of Assessment

Final research project (transcription and analysis of data you recorded)
In addition there will be short assignments

Literature

Waring, Hansun Zhang (2018). Discourse analysis: the questions discourse analysts ask and how they answer them. Routledge, New York.
Articles/chapters TBA

Additional Information Target Audience

First year Ba-students in Communication and Information Studies (CIS).

Custom Course Registration

You will be assigned to a discussion section via Canvas