

LINGUA INGLESE

Corso di Laurea Triennale in Scienze Politiche

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CFU: 8

Course aims, objectives and learning outcomes

The course aims at producing metalinguistic reflections on the English language in specific communicative contexts. In particular, news discourse is analysed with reference to cultural and ideological issues in a number of British daily newspapers.

Related issues:

Language as a social semiotic. Language and discourse analysis (levels of analysis: top-down / bottom up). Text vs. non-text; text as a communicative occurrence (standards of textuality). Language structures (phrases / clause / sentence: phrase / clause / sentence constituents; main processes of word formation) and distribution of information (theme - rheme; given - new; focus and thematisation). Language, text, and context. Language functions. Language in news stories in relation to: types of news and news values; functions and structures of news components; angle and ideological stance; processes and participants. Language and Evaluation. Language and the transitivity system. Voice (active, passive, middle); theme (marked/unmarked); readership. Verbals and visuals in news discourse: Media coverage of socio-political events.

A number of related seminars are integrated into the course.

By the end of the course learners should be able to carry out a linguistic analysis of a number of selected news stories.