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Introduction to Corpus Linguistics

“Corpus linguistics is a research approach that facilitates empirical investigations of language variation and use, resulting in research findings that have much greater generalizability and validity than would otherwise be feasible.”
(Biber & Reppen 2015: 1)

What this quote tries to express is that corpus linguistics is a method of carrying out linguistic analyses. It can be used to investigate a large range of linguistic questions and it has been shown to have the potential to yield highly fascinating, interesting, fundamental, and often surprising new insights about language. It has therefore become one of the most wide-spread methods of linguistic investigation in recent years.

Furthermore, corpus linguistics as a tool can be used in many areas of linguistics, such as variation studies, contrastive and comparative linguistics, translation studies, and it can also play an important role in applied linguistics, for instance in language teaching.

In this course, we will (i) learn about the field of corpus linguistics, (ii) get to know a number of important (English) corpora, (iii) learn about tools and programs that facilitate the use of corpora, and (iv) will learn how to conduct an empirical corpus study.

In the second part of the semester, students are expected to conduct a small empirical study based on a corpus of their choice. You can work either in pairs/small groups or individually, and you can choose the topics according to your personal interests. For those who need full credit, an empirical term paper (based on their in-class study or a different topic) is required.

In order to successfully follow and complete the course, it is necessary that you have taken and passed the module *Einführung in die Linguistik* (or a similar introductory course at another university). We are analyzing language, and therefore, you need to know the relevant terms and concepts of the different fields of linguistics (i.e. morphology, syntax, semantics,..).

Course requirements:

Regular attendance

Weekly reading assignments or completion of tasks

Active participation in class

Short oral research report

Empirical term paper

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