

English 7/8590: Applied Theory Linguistics

Corpus Linguistics and Discourse

Within Applied Linguistics and related fields, there is a trend towards the integration of corpus linguistics and discourse analytic approaches to language research. These innovations allow researchers to leverage the strengths of both traditions in analyzing language use choices and practices by examining macro level patterns across large amounts of discourse and the emergent local construction of attitudes and meanings. Such scholarship includes pedagogically oriented corpus-based genre analysis of academic writing practices, corpus-based analysis of conceptual metaphor, and corpus-assisted critical discourse analysis, among others.

This seminar surveys and critically examines approaches to integrating corpus linguistics and discourse analysis. The first brief unit introduces/reviews the basic principles of corpus linguistics, discourse analysis, and their integration, so extensive prior knowledge of corpus linguistics and discourse analysis is not needed. Each subsequent unit entails presentation and discussion centered critical review of corpus-based discourse analysis studies, with special attention paid to methodological concerns and the relevance of these discussions to the analytical interests of students. Students will design and pilot a study within their area of interest which draws on corpus and discourse analysis techniques as a primary activity and objective of the course.

Potential Textbooks (still being considered):

Taylor, C., & Marchi, A. (2018). *Corpus Approaches to Discourse: A Critical Review*. Routledge. 978-1138895805

Baker, P. (2006) *Using Corpora in Discourse Analysis*. Continuum. 978-0826477255