

Handout 3 – components and assessment

For the proseminar “Discourse Linguistics”, your final grade is based on the following components:

Participation

Participation is active, constructive, as well as discursive, and will be logged regularly by the instructor after week 1. This kind of participation means engaging with the class in ways that move learning forward, for you and for the entire group. It involves asking and answering questions, actively revising content together, contributing your own ideas, commenting on the ideas of others, and working respectfully with others so that a positive learning environment is created for all in-class activities and assignments. Participation will give you 10% of your final mark.

Assignment 1: Annotated bibliography

In order to prepare your literature review in the research report, you will hand up an annotated bibliography. This is a list of around four additional references, organised in APA7 style, along with short paragraphs of full text in which you explain, why they are appropriate and trusted sources, what exactly they contain, and how exactly you are going to use each one of them in your language data analysis. The annotated bibliography will be marked according to an assessment scale you can find on Moodle, and it will give you 10% of your final mark.

Assignment 2: Project talk

Recall that for your research report you will choose one Pragmatics topic, review around four sources and analyse linguistic data. Prior to handing up all this in writing, you will discuss your selected literature and your analysis draft individually with the instructor in a short session. For the project talk you will bring a one-page handout, including your sources and a summary of your analysis. The talk will be marked according to an assessment scale you can find on Moodle, and it will give you 15% of your final mark.

Assignment 3: Project report

At the end of the course, you will submit an academic research report about the topic of your choice. The report will be written into an MS WORD document template (s. Moodle) and submitted via Moodle no later than the day of our last session. In the report, you will synoptically review the sources of your choice, analyse language data, and interpret the results of this analysis based on your selected sources. The report will have a word-count of 1000 words $\pm$ 10%, and it will be marked according to an assessment scale you can find on Moodle. It will give you 25% of your final mark.

Mid-term and final exam

Both mid-term and final exam will be done in class, online, and via Moodle. Scores for each question will be calculated as the average of correct and incorrect answers based on their proportion. Mid-term and final exam will focus on the terminology and some light application of the concepts from the five course topics. A mock exam in week 2 will give you an idea about the logistics, and each exam will be prepared thoroughly in class. The exams will contain around 20 questions, last about 20 minutes, and give you 20% of your final mark each.