

Courses –2022/2023 Spring semester

The social and discourse aspects of language

The course aims at giving both a theoretical and a practical insight into the social and discourse aspects of language by focusing on the different forms of institutional discourse in the context of school. The reading material will familiarize students with the various interactions of school participants as well as with the written, visual and spoken types of data these interactions provide for analysis. During the course, students will also be asked to design and carry out some small-scale research to enable them to develop a solid and practical understanding of social language use in their own surroundings.

Targeting the verb phrase

The course aims to widen students' knowledge of English grammar with the help of focusing on the English verb phrase. Topics include the notions of verb patterns, tenses, auxiliaries, the passive construction, negatives and interrogatives with emphasis on both theoretical understanding and practical application. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to challenge the ideas presented and to suggest, based on experience, their own interpretation of the issues in question.