

**Course description**

**Descriptif du cours**

**Department : English**

**Instructor (s): Fethi HELAL**

**Academic year: 2021-2021**

**Level: MA 1**

**Course title: Approaches to Discourse Analysis**

**Course outline:**

**Week 1.** Introducing the course, scope, objectives, requirements, Presentation groups

**Week 2.** Situating DA: On the Project of twentieth century Linguistics

**Week 3:** Early text analysis Precursors: Aristotle's Rhetoric

**Week 4:** Textlinguistic Projects (the British and German traditions)

**Week 5:** Genre approaches

**Week 6:** Critical Discourse Studies: Origins, Scope, Approaches

**Weeks 7+8:** The Discourse Historical Approach

**Weeks 9+10:** The Sociocognitive Approach

**Weeks 11+ 12:** Dialectical Reasoning (the late Faircloughs)

**Week 13:** Conclusion and Synthesis

**Course objectives:**

1. Understand and discuss the theoretical and methodological foundations of the major *linguistic* discourse analytical approaches
2. Compare and contrast these approaches in terms of the merits and limitations of their theoretical foundations and analytical tools
3. Employ the tools offered by each approach for the *critical* analysis of naturally occurring discourse (spoken, written, visual, etc.)

**Method of evaluation:**

1. **Continuous:** ongoing students' engagement, classroom presentations and paper writing
2. **Summative: Achievement test by the end of S1**

**References:**

1. Johannes Angermuller, Dominique Maingueneau and Ruth Wodak (eds.). (2014). *The Discourse Studies Reader: Main currents in theory and analysis*. John Benjamins Publishing Company Amsterdam / Philadelphia.
2. Gee, J. P., & Handford, M. (Eds.). (2013). *The Routledge handbook of discourse analysis*. Routledge.
3. Flowerdew, J., & Richardson, J. E. (Eds.). (2017). *The Routledge handbook of critical discourse studies*. Taylor & Francis.