

Wydział Filologiczny
Seminarium dyplomowe na rok akademicki 2024/26 – propozycja
Faculty of Philology
Graduate seminar for 2024-2026 academic year – proposal

Group 1

Dyscyplina/Field of study
Językoznawstwo/Linguistics
Prowadzący / Supervisor
Dr Katarzyna Buczek
Kierunek, stopień/ Study Programme, Major
English Philology, II stopień, stacjonarny (MA full time)
Krótki opis / Short description
MA Seminar focus/topic: Sociolinguistic Perspectives on Language Change MA Seminar description (what to expect): The seminar offers a comprehensive exploration into how languages transform over time under the influence of social factors. This course invites students to look into the interplay between language and society, and examine how societal changes drive linguistic change. Throughout the course, students will engage with key sociolinguistic theories and methodologies to understand the mechanisms of language variation and change. The seminar structure is designed to introduce students to major concepts like linguistic prestige, standardization, and language policy. Students will get to know how factors such as migration, technology, and cultural shifts impact language. MA Seminar reading list: Chambers, Jack K., Trudgill, Peter and Schilling-Estes, Natalie (eds.) 2002. The Handbook of Language Variation and Change. Oxford: Blackwell. Chambers, J. K. and Peter Trudgill. 1998. Dialectology. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Crystal, David. 2004. The stories of English. Crystal, David. [1997] 2003. English as a Global Language. Cambridge University Press. Crystal, David. 2000. Language Death. Cambridge University Press. Knowles, Gerry. 1997. A cultural history of English.

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Group 2

Dyscyplina/Field of study
Językoznawstwo/Linguistics Przekładoznawstwo/Translation Studies
Prowadzący / Supervisor
dr Rafał Krzysztof Matusiak
Kierunek, stopień/ Study Programme, Major
English Philology, II stopień, stacjonarny (MA full time)
Krótki opis / Short description
<p>MA Seminar focus/topic: Critical discourse analysis</p> <p>MA Seminar description (what to expect): The seminar will circle around the following themes:</p> <p>Specialised languages: corporate discourse, readability index, specialized lexicography, occupational/professional register, stylistics of specialized languages, in particular the language of law, business and economics;</p> <p>Critical discourse analysis: power relations within society, the reproduction of social inequalities based on factors such as class, race, gender, ethnicity, and nationality, the language of politics (e.g. political speeches or debates), media representation;</p> <p>Pragmatics of language: speech acts in discourse analysis, presupposition and entailment, politeness and face, conversational implicature, deixis, and cross-cultural pragmatics.</p> <p>These research topics offer opportunities to explore the intersection of language, sociology, law and/or economics, shedding light on how legal concepts, economic notions, ideological beliefs and social values are communicated, contested, and mediated in public discourse, e.g. the linguistic scope of hate speech, economic metaphors in media discourse, language of conflict, discourse of advertising, international trade (negotiations, policies, disputes) in news coverage, framing of controversial social issues (e.g. marriage inequality, immigration, women's rights) in political and journalistic discourse, media representation of gender-inclusive language, public perceptions of brands and products, the production and dissemination of dominant discourses and ideological messages.</p> <p><i>Your research can be comparative in nature, which means that you can study the same linguistic phenomenon in several languages, e.g. English + Spanish / Russian / French / Italian, etc.</i></p> <p>MA Seminar reading list: Brown, Gillian & Yule, George (1983). <i>Discourse Analysis</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Levinson, Stephen C. (1992). <i>Pragmatics</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p>