

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Foundations of Language
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	4
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	EGL4046

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>This module will introduce you to some of the key topics in contemporary linguistics and language studies, such as pragmatics, sociolinguistics, and psycholinguistics. You will learn to apply linguistic concepts and terminology to real-life examples of spoken and written language in use. You will study a wide range of analytical frameworks which will deepen your understanding of the structural characteristics of English, and will be introduced to the role language plays in other areas of English studies and the humanities. The module will help you develop your skills in critical thinking, in analysing different forms of data, in identifying and synthesising information from a variety of sources, and in presenting your findings in a coherent and well-organised way.</p> <p>You will develop your knowledge through a series of lectures, followed by seminars in which you will apply your understanding of the field through a range of practical activities. These might include: close readings of relevant texts, analysis of spoken and written data, forum posts, application of theoretical and contextual documents. Your formally taught sessions will be supported by pre-sessional learning activities delivered via Moodle and post-sessional reflection on the seminar's learning aims. Your wider independent learning will be characterised by the development of your creative and critical knowledge of the field which will be supported by the application and development of your research skills.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<p>This module will introduce students to a number of foundational concepts, ideas and approaches in linguistics, including child language development, sociolinguistics, language in the media, and linguistic politeness.</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>
<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>	
	<b>1</b> Demonstrate a detailed and critical understanding of basic linguistic terminology and concepts.
	<b>2</b> Identify relevant linguistic concepts in a variety of materials and discuss them in an informed way.
	<b>3</b> Interpret the significance of different linguistic phenomena and apply relevant linguistic frameworks to a variety of topics.
	<b>4</b> Communicate clearly, fluently and effectively, engage in academic discussion and present arguments in a professional manner.

8 Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4	x		

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	100
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	64
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200