



Course Code & Title	LISS372 Discourse Analysis				
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Institution	QMUL	Department	Linguistics		
Academic Year	2025-6	Term	Spring		
Number of sessions	4	Research Platform	Qualitative Research (QMUL)	Length of Session(s)	2hrs
Day, Date		Start : End		Room Location	
25/2/2026 4/3/2026 18/3/2026 25/3/2026		10:00 – 12:00		Room GC6.04, Graduate Centre, Mile End campus, Queen Mary, University of London (IN PERSON)	
Enrolment Links:	Available to book on SkillsForge from Monday 15th December 2025 . Click the course link to log in and register. Questions? Visit our Training FAQ here: Frequently Asked Questions - LISS DTP (liss-dtp.ac.uk)				

Course Description:

This course will provide an overview of discourse analytic methods, giving LISS students a practical introduction to specific approaches within the broad umbrella of discourse analysis (e.g. critical discourse analysis, multimodal discourse analysis, conversation analysis). The aim is to provide students with specific, practical tools to feel confident in using each method. Each week, there will be two assigned readings in advance of class (an indicative thematic reading list is given below, specific papers may be revised closer to the time). These will be either theoretical texts or practical case studies demonstrating how to employ particular methods. I will also introduce students to “touchstone” papers which are often cited in studies using a specific method, as well as interdisciplinary journals where they might expect to find good examples of these methods (or consider submitting work to themselves).

Indicative Schedule (subject to amendments) and Weekly Readings:

Week 1:

- **Introduction to Discourse Analysis:** Gee (2011)
Gee, J. P. (2011). Introduction. In: *An Introduction to Discourse Analysis: Theory and Method* (3rd ed.)(pp.2-13). Oxon: Routledge.
- **“Descriptive” Discourse Analysis:** Abdel-Raheem (2021)



Abdel-Raheem, A. (2021). Reality bites: How the pandemic has begun to shape the way we, metaphorically, see the world. *Discourse and Society*, 32(5), 519–541.

Week 2:

- **Critical Discourse Analysis:** Meyer (2001) and/or Forchtner and Wodak (2018)

Meyer, M. (2001). Between theory, method, and politics: positioning of the approaches to CDA. In: Ruth Wodak and Michael Meyer (eds.). *Methods of Critical Discourse Analysis* (pp. 14-31). London: SAGE.

and/or

Forchtner, B., and Wodak, R. (2018). Critical Discourse Studies: a critical approach to the study of language and communication. In: Ruth Wodak and Bernhard Forchtner (eds.). *The Routledge Handbook of Language and Politics* (pp. 135-150). Routledge: Oxon.

Week 3:

- **Conversation Analysis:** Stokoe (2010)

Stokoe, E. (2010). “I’m not gonna hit a lady”: Conversation analysis, membership categorization and men’s denials of violence towards women. *Discourse and Society*, 21(1), 59–82. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0957926509345072>

- **Narrative Analysis:** Georgakopoulou (2006)

Georgakopoulou, A. (2006). Thinking big with small stories in narrative and identity analysis. *Narrative Inquiry*, 16(1), 122–130.

Week 4:

- **Multimodal (Critical) Discourse Analysis:** Hart and Winter (2022)

Hart, C., & Winter, B. (2022). Gesture and legitimation in the anti-immigration discourse of Nigel Farage. *Discourse and Society*, 33(1), 34–55. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09579265211048560>

- **Corpus-Assisted Discourse Analysis:** Krendel (2020)

Krendel, A. (2020). The men and women, guys and girls of the ‘manosphere’: A corpus-assisted discourse approach. *Discourse and Society*, 31(6), 607–630. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0957926520939690>

Eligibility:

Preference will be given to those who do not have access to discourse analytic training in their own department or school.

Pre-course preparation:

Read the assigned material in advance of the first class.

Number of students:

Minimum number required to run: 5



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Maximum number of places available: 30

Accessibility

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