

Module code	AN-4327		
Module Title	Forensic Linguistics		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts		
Type of Module	Major Option/Breadth		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	AN-1201 Introduction to English Language and Linguistics		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims This module aims to investigate the use of forensic linguistics in the modern world, focusing on two basic areas: the use of speech analysis software to help identify a speaker; and the use of text-based analysis to identify the writer of a text. In addition to considering the theory and practice behind these two areas, the module will discuss the use of language in the courtroom, and it will describe various high-profile cases where forensic linguistics has contributed to police investigations. Finally, there will be a consideration of tracing plagiarism.			
Learning Outcomes: <i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	30%	describe a range of cases in which forensic linguistics played a part understand issues related to use of language in the courtroom	
Middle order :	40%	analyse extracts of speech to help identify who spoke an unknown extract compare written texts, to try to match the unknown writer of a text use the tools of conversation analysis to analyse written texts	
Higher order:	30%	evaluate the limitations of current knowledge about speech and text matching propose solutions to the issue of identifying and eliminating plagiarism	
Module Contents - The use of forensic linguistics in police investigations - Phonetic and acoustic analysis in speaker identification - Text-based analysis and authorship comparison - Language usage in the courtroom - Identifying plagiarism - Discourse and textual analysis tools for forensic contexts			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Detailed feedback is provided on weekly exercises involving speaker identification and authorship comparison.	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50%	

		<p>Coursework: 50%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 oral presentation, describing a real case in which forensic linguistics was involved (10%) - 1 written assignment, attempting to identify the speaker of a short extract with five candidates (15%) - 1 oral presentation, attempting to identify the speaker of a short extract with five candidates (20%) - Analysing institutional talk (10%) - Analysing plagiarism (15%)
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