

Addressing the Need for an Art & Design Learner Corpus

Context

Construction

Preliminary Findings

Context: Who are we?

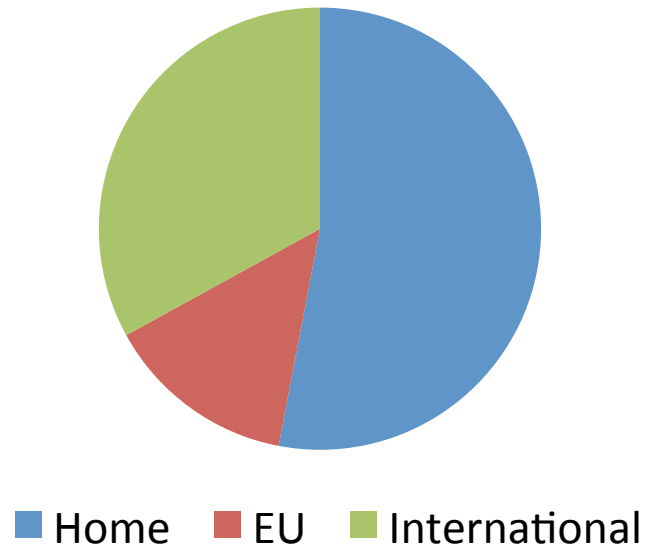
- Tutors
- MA dissertations
- Classroom experience
- Novices

Context: UAL



- Europe's largest specialist arts and design university
- Slightly < 20,000 students

Students



Context: Expectations

- Extensive use of 1st person singular (or not!)
- Extensive use of nominalisation
- Explicit reference to individual practice
- Explicit siting of practice within field of practice

Construction

- Written
- Preessional learners
- Sanitised
- Filtered
- Concordancer

Preliminary Results: AWL

	BAWE		UAL	
1	found	4772	image	2526
2	data	4523	visual	1640
3	process	4408	culture	1462
4	theory	3841	significant	822
5	research	3630	consume	696
6	role	3091	symbol	532
7	individual	3049	design	440
8	method	2850	communicate	425
9	structure	2821	concept	323
10	approach	2750	text	247

Preliminary Results: Semantics

- **Found:** BAWE – discovered in a scientific context. UAL – located, look for and find
- **Image:** BAWE – image as in a look. UAL – picture, photograph
- **Data:** BAWE – quoted with numbers or reference to graphs. UAL – used little and inappropriately/inaccurately
- **Visual:** BAWE – related to eyes in a medical sense. UAL – collocates with culture and language, 2 big concepts in art and design

Preliminary Results: N-Grams

BAWE N-GRAM 3

1	4094	p fnote fnote
2	3170	in order to
3	2232	as well as
4	2055	due to the
5	1586	one of the
6	1573	the use of
7	1490	the fact that
8	1448	in terms of
9	1354	there is a
10	1288	fnote fnote lbid

Referencing

UAL N-GRAM 3

1	240	a thousand words
2	190	of the image
3	162	one of the
4	161	there is a
5	130	tells a thousand
6	123	the other hand
7	121	a lot of
8	118	in order to
9	117	as well as
10	114	of visual culture

Topic/Rubric

Preliminary Results: N-Grams

BAWE NGRAM-4

1 864 fnote Ibid p fnote

2 732 FORMULA FORMULA FORMULA FORMULA

3 688 p fnote fnote Ibid

4 680 fnote fnote Ibid p

5 598 as a result of

6 572 the end of the

7 540 Ibid p fnote fnote

8 507 On the other hand

9 479 as well as the

10 478 in the form of

Referencing

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UAL NGRAM-4

1 107 tells a thousand words

2 103 On the other hand

3 103 picture tells a thousand

4 70 is one of the

5 66 one of the most

6 66 social and cultural values

7 53 a picture tells a

8 52 at the same time

9 50 tell a thousand words

10 45 At the same time

Topic/Rubric

Preliminary Results: N-Grams

BAWE NGRAM-5

1 628 fnote fnote Ibid p fnote

2 577 p fnote fnote Ibid p

3 534 fnote Ibid p fnote fnote

4 450 FORMULA FORMULA FORMULA FORMULA FORMULA

5 301 Ibid p fnote fnote Ibid

6 216 at the end of the

7 204 fnote fnote Ibid pp fnote

8 178 due to the fact that

9 176 fnote Ibid pp fnote fnote

10 175 it can be seen that

Referencing

Not recognised in AntConc

UAL NGRAM-5

1 83 picture tells a thousand words

2 50 a picture tells a thousand

Topic/Rubric

Application & Future Developments

- Materials design
- Corpus of assignment briefs
- Corpus of key input texts