Sensorveiledning, ENG4102 – Phraseology in English

Generic guidelines
The exam is a term paper on one out the following four broad topics:

1. N-grams and text types or varieties of English (e.g. Groom; Biber et al.)

2. The idiom principle at work (e.g. Ermann & Warren; Sinclair)

3. Native-like selection (e.g. Pawley & Syder; Granger & Bestgen)

4. Phraseologisms/Phraseological units/Collocations, semantic unity and (non-)compositionality (e.g. Fiedler; McEnery et al.)

The following requirements come in addition:
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   o As the topics are all very broad, you will have to formulate your own research question(s).
   o Select a suitable corpus and corpus tool;
   o You will have to perform an original corpus study, including a description of the corpus/corpora and corpus tools used, as well as an analysis of corpus data in the light of secondary literature;
   o Your paper should include the typical elements of an academic paper, including aims, research questions, methodological approach, linguistic analysis and appropriate referencing and style;
   o You will have to refer to / engage with at least **four** of the texts on the reading list for this course (some suggestions in brackets, but you need to find more).

The language of the term paper is English. In the assessment both content and language will be considered, as well as the appropriate presentation of quotations, references and linguistic examples. The evaluation (and marking) of the candidate's performance on the exam follow the underlying principles regarding analytical skills, judgement and independent thinking, according to the general evaluation criteria specified by "Universitets- og høgskolerådet".

The content of the paper, as well as the assessment of it, should reflect the stated aims and learning outcome of the course, namely that the students should demonstrate that they:

- have gained insight into the theoretical aspects of phraseological research;
- have gained insight into the phraseology of English through case studies and practical work on corpora;
- are able to carry out their own phraseological investigation, using corpora and corpus tools.

The term paper should take up approx. 10 standard pages excluding front matter and references. (One standard page = a page of running text with 1.5 line spacing and a 12 pt font, c. 400 words.). The *minimum* acceptable length is 6 standard pages (plus front matter and references, 2400 words).

The candidate has to write a paper where he/she draws on empirical data, typically from a corpus, but other sources are also acceptable, e.g newspapers. It is important that candidates

show that they have understood the main principles of empirical research, notably how to analyse and manage data in a linguistically sound manner.

Students are expected to refer to their course reading in their papers (as stated in the requirements above), and it is to a lesser extent expected that they should also be able to find other secondary sources relevant to their topic, although it is encouraged and depends on the topic chosen.

The students have been told that the term paper is expected to follow normal conventions of academic writing with respect to form, structure and the appropriate use of sources and references. The students may use different styles of references (we do not require the use of one specific style).