

Lexicography (ENG310)

Course Syllabus

English Language and Translation Department

College of Science and Theoretical Studies

Saudi Electronic University

| A: General Infor | General Information | | |
|------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. Course Title | Lexicography | | |
| 2. Course Code | ENG310 | | |
| 3. Semester/Year | 5 th Semester - 3 rd Year | | |

4. Course credit 3 Hours

5. Course level 5th Level

B: Academic Content

Course aim and objectives:

Upon the completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Recognize typology and component structures of dictionaries (how information is presented in a dictionary and how dictionaries can be classified).
- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of English and Arabic lexicography.
- Demonstrate an understanding of elements of dictionaries and other language reference tools.
- Analyze the techniques by which meaning can be explained and represented in a dictionary.
- Identify grammatical problems in a bilingual dictionary (phonology, morphology and syntax)
- Assess semantic problems in a bilingual dictionary (the choice of equivalents, meaning discrimination, and word-family recognition)

Learning Outcomes:

- 1- Recognize typology and component structures of dictionaries (how information is presented in a dictionary and how dictionaries can be classified).
- 2- Understand the history of English and Arabic lexicography.
- 3-Demonstrate an understanding of Key elements of dictionaries and other language reference tools.
- 4- Analyze the techniques by which meaning can be explained and represented in a dictionary.
- 5- Identify grammatical problems in a bilingual dictionary (phonology, morphology, and syntax).
- 6-Assess semantic problems in a bilingual dictionary (the choice of equivalents, meaning discrimination, and word family recognition).

Prerequisites:

ENG230 ENG240 ENG231 ENG250

C: Timetable for sessions

| | Week | Date | Chapters | Students Commitments |
|----|--------|------|---|-------------------------|
| 1. | Week 0 | | ORIENTATION WEEK | |
| 2. | Week 1 | | Introduction to Dictionaries: The History of English Lexicography | |
| 3. | Week 2 | | Dictionary Basics: The History of Arabic Lexicography | |
| 4. | Week 3 | | Typology of Dictionaries | Assignment 1 (8 points) |
| 5. | Week 4 | | Component Structures of Dictionaries | |

| 6. | Week 5 | Key Elements of Dictionaries and Other Language References | Assignment 2 (8 Points) | |
|-----|---------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 7. | Week 6 | Specialized Lexicography I | | |
| 8. | Week 7 | Specialized Lexicography II | | |
| 9. | Week 8 | MIDTERM EXAMS | MIDTERM EXAMS | |
| 10. | Week 9 | Representation of Meaning in a Dictionary | | |
| 11. | Week 10 | Introduction to Corpus Lexicography | Discussion Board (8 points) | |
| 12. | Week 11 | Corpus Lexicography and Other Languages | Assignment 3 (8 points) | |
| 13. | Week 12 | Dictionaries and Translation | | |
| 14. | Week 13 | Semantic Problems in a Bilingual Dictionaries | Quiz (Auto graded 8 points) | |
| 15. | Week 14 | Lexicography Tools | | |
| 16. | Week 15 | Study week – can be used fo | Study week – can be used for review | |
| 17. | Week 16 | | | |
| 18. | Week 17 | FINAL EXAMS | | |
| 19. | Week 18 | | | |

D: Course Resources

Textbooks:

• Baalbaki, R. M. (2014). The Arabic Lexicographical Tradition: From the 2nd/8th. To the 12th/18th Century. Leiden, NL: Brill. ISBN#: 9789004273979 (print); 9789004274013 (etext).

- Fontenelle, T. (2008). Practical Lexicography: A Reader. Oxford University Press. ISBN#: 978-0199292332 (print).
- Landau, S. I. (2001). Dictionaries: The Art and Craft of Lexicography (2nd ed.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. ISBN#: 9780521785129 (print); 0521780403 (print)

E: Assessment

• Assessment Overview

| Assessment Type | Due Date of Assignments | Weight |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Assignment 1 | Week 3-4 | 8 points |
| Assignment 2 | Week 5-6 | 8 points |
| Discussion Board | Week 10-11 | 8 points |
| Assignment 3 | Week 11-12 | 8 points |
| Quiz (Auto graded) | Week 13 | 8 points |
| Midterm Exam | Week 8 | 20 points |
| Final Exam | Weeks 16 & 17 | 40 points |
| Total | 100 points | |

F: Additional Requirements

- The student must follow attendance policy that given by the university.
- The student is responsible to read all announcements that are regularly posted by the instructor.
- Any student having difficulty understanding this handout should contact the instructor for clarifications.
- For all enquiries, students should contact the instructor.