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SAUDI ELECTRONIC UNIVERSITY
2011-1432

Introduction to Linguistics (ENG301)

Course Syllabus

English Language and Translation Department

College of Science and Theoretical Studies

Saudi Electronic University

A: General Information

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| 1. Course Title | Introduction to Linguistics |
| 2. Course Code | ENG301 |
| 3. Semester/ Year | 5 th Semester / 3 rd Year |
| 4. Course credit | 3 Hours |
| 5. Course level | Level 5 |
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B: Academic Content

Course aim and objectives:

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of language development and acquisition. Students are also provided with an introduction to many subfields of linguistics including phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax, pragmatics, historical linguistics, psycholinguistics, and sociolinguistics. To implement experiential, participatory, and process-oriented strategies, students are strongly encouraged to engage actively in discussions and written assignments that examine the basic techniques and concepts in the subfields of contemporary linguistics.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe the nature of human language: What it is, what it is used for, and how it works.
2. Introduce students briefly to some of the innovative and recent subfields of linguistics: Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Semantics, Pragmatics, Syntax, Discourse Analysis, etc.
3. Distinguish various linguistic systems and methods that linguists use to investigate language properties.
4. Apply the basic rules of different subfields of linguistics
6. Analyze the study of first and second language development and acquisition.

Prerequisites: ENG230 ENG250 ENG240

C: Timetable for sessions

Week	Date	Chapters	Students Commitments
1.	Week 0	ORIENTATION WEEK	
2.	Week 1		
3.	Week 2	Origins of Language: Chapter 1	
4.	Week 3	Sounds of Language: Chapter 3	Assignment 1
5.	Week 4	Sounds and Patterns of Language: Chapter 4	
6.	Week 5	Morphology: Chapter 6	
7.	Week 6	Syntax: Chapter 8	Assignment 2

8.	Week 7		Semantics: Chapter 9	
9.	Week 8		MIDTERM EXAMS	
10.	Week 9		Pragmatics: Chapter 10	Assignment 3
11.	Week 10		Discourse Analysis: Chapter 11	
12.	Week 11		First and Second Language Acquisition: Chapters 13 & 14	Discussion Board
13.	Week 12		Regional and Social Variation in Language: Chapters 18 & 19	
14.	Week 13		Language and Culture: Chapter 20	Assignment 4
15.	Week 14		Review	
16.	Week 15		Study week – can be used for review	
17.	Week 16		FINAL EXAMS	
18.	Week 17			
19.	Week 18			

D: Course Resources

Textbooks:

Yule, G. (2014). The Study of Language. (5th ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.
ISBN#: 9781139862240.

E: Assessment

- **Assessment Overview**

Assessment Type	Due Date of Assignments	Weight
Assignment 1	Week 3	8 points
Assignment 2	Week 6	8 points
Assignment 3	Week 9	8 points
Discussion Board	Week 11	8 points
Assignment 4	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.