

Conference Interpreting (TRA490)

Course Syllabus

English Language and Translation Department

College of Science and Theoretical Studies

Saudi Electronic University

| A: | General Information | |
|----|---------------------|---|
| 1. | Course Title | Conference Interpreting |
| 2. | Course Code | TRA490 |
| 3. | Semester/ Year | 8 rd Semester – 4 th Year |
| 4. | Course credit | 3 Hours |
| 5. | Course level | Level 8 |

B: Academic Content

Course aim and objectives:

The course aims to

- 1. To prepare and equip students with sufficient background knowledge in subject areas for conference interpreting;
- 2. to provide students with experience of working in conference interpreting settings;
- **3.** to prepare students to work as professional conference interpreters in the world of conference interpreting;
- 4. to simulate real life interpreting scenarios that include mock conferences;
- 5. to provide students with the means to enhance their training and gain a greater understanding of what is really required to succeed in this profession.

Learning Outcomes:

| | Aligned PLOs | | | | |
|-----|--|--------|--|--|--|
| 1 | 1 Knowledge and Understanding | | | | |
| 1.1 | Recognize aspects of protocol and etiquette in various formal conference settings | ENG.K1 | | | |
| 1.2 | 1.2 Describe simultaneous interpreting techniques and strategies in multilingual conference settings. | | | | |
| 2 | 2 Skills : | | | | |
| 2.1 | 2.1 Interpret efficiently in sentences. | | | | |
| 3 | 3 Values: | | | | |
| 3.1 | Perform simultaneous interpreting on a range of topics from English to Arabic in a variety of settings. | ENG.V1 | | | |
| 3.2 | Perform simultaneous interpreting on a range of topics from Arabic to English in a variety of settings. | ENG.V1 | | | |

Prerequisites:

TRA330 and TRA410

C: Timetable for sessions

| | Week | Date | Chapters | Students Commitments |
|----|--------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Week 0 | 20-Aug-23 | ORIENTATION WEEK | |
| 2. | Week 1 | 27-Aug-23 | Introduction to the Course | |

| 3. | Week 2 | 3-Sep-23 | Practice of Interpreting | |
|-----|---------|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| 4. | Week 3 | 10-Sep-23 | Skills of Conference Interpreting | Quiz 1 (5 points) |
| 5. | Week 4 | 17-Sep-23 | Conference Preparation and Procedures | Assignment 1 (5 points) |
| 6. | Week 5 | 24-Sep-23 | Note-taking Technique | |
| 7. | Week 6 | 1-Oct-23 | Mock-Conferen | ce 1 (5 points) |
| 8. | Week 7 | 8-Oct-23 | Language and Public Speaking Skills | |
| 9. | Week 8 | 15-Oct-23 | MIDTERM EXAMS (20 points) | |
| 10. | Week 9 | 22-Oct-23 | Concentration | |
| 11. | Week 10 | 29-Oct-23 | Discourse Analysis and Fast Reaction | Quiz 2 (5 points) |
| 12. | Week 11 | 5-Nov-23 | Protocol and Etiquette | |
| 13. | Week 12 | 12-Nov-23 | Simultaneous Interpreting vs. Consecutive Interpreting | Assignment 2 (10 points) |
| 14. | Week 13 | 26-Nov-23 | Conference Interpreting | |
| 15. | Week 14 | 3-Dec-23 | Mock-Conference 2 (5 points) | |
| 16. | Week 15 | 10-Dec-23 | Revision | Discussion (5 points) |
| 17. | Week 16 | 17-Dec-23 | FINAL EXAMS (40 points) | |
| 18. | Week 17 | 24-Dec-23 | | |

| D: | Course | Resources |
|----|--------|-------------------|
| υ. | Course | Itesources |

Textbooks:

Gillies, A. (2013). Conference interpreting: A student's practice book. London: Routledge. ISBN#: 978041532341 (print); ISBN#: 9780203114926 (e-text).

E: Assessment

• Assessment Overview

| Assessment Type | Due Date of Assignments | Weight |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Quiz 1 | Week 3 | 5 % |
| Assignment 1 | Week 4 | 5 % |
| Mock-Conference 1 | Week 6 | 5 % |
| Quiz 2 | Week 10 | 5 % |
| Assignment 2 | Week 12 | 10 % |
| Mock-Conference 2 | Week 14 | 5 % |
| Discussion | Week 15 | 5 % |

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.