

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
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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.