

King Saud University



Course Syllabus

College of Arts

Semester: I

Academic Year: 1439/1440 (2017/2019)

Instructor's information:

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Course information:

Course Title	Language and Society
Course Number	307
Course description	The course aims to explain how language varies according to social variables such as class, gender, ethnicity, age, and regional background. Code-switching by bilingual speakers and in multilingual situations is illustrated with reference to particular contexts. The diglossic situation of Arabic is closely examined. Language planning is exemplified in relation to specific language policies.
Course Objectives (i.e. Learning Outcomes as specified in the Course Specifications)	To study the relationship between language and society by focusing on language variability and identity.
Textbook	Holmes, Janet. (2013) <i>An Introduction to Sociolinguistics</i> , 4th Edition. England: Pearson Education Limited.
Supplementary Reading	Coulmas, Florian. (2005) <i>Sociolinguistics: The Study of Speakers' Choices</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Holmes, Janet. (1995) <i>Women, Men and Politeness</i> . London and New York: Longman Wardhaugh, R. (2010) <i>An Introduction to Sociolinguistics</i> , 6th Edition. England: Blackwell Publishers Ltd.

Methods of assessment:

Type	Distribution of Marks	Date of Administration	Feedback
(30%) Midterm exams	2 exams each is 15%	1 st : 18/10/2018 [ch: 1, 2, 3, 4] 2 nd : 22/11/2018 [ch: 6, 7, 10, 13]	Feedback is always given to students the following class. No more than 2 days after the assignment/ quiz/ midterm is administered.
(10%) In-class Assignments	4 in-class assignments given throughout the semester.	No date specified as part of the mark weight is allocated also to attendance. NO MAKE UP.	
(10%) Quizzes	2 quizzes each is 5%	1 st : 4/10/2018 [ch: 1, 2] 2 nd : 11/11/2018 [ch: 5, 6] NO MAKE UP.	
(10%) Research Presentation	A presentation to be given and an outline to be submitted. Students are evaluated individually but there is a mark for teamwork.	Week 12, 13	In the same class.
Final Exam	40%		2 days, maximum.

Additional notes:

Make up exams are **ONLY** for **midterms** upon providing a medical excuse. **The make-up exam is going to be held on Tuesday, week 13 (27-11-2018) from 12:00 to 1:00. Chapters included are 3, 5, 6 and 7.**

Weekly Syllabus:

Week	Topic
1 2-6/ 9	Registration Week
2 9 - 13/ 9	Chapter 1: What Do Sociolinguists Study? (Linguistic and Social Variables + Social Factors + Social Dimension)
3 16-20 /9	Chapter 2: Language Choice (Diglossia + Code-Switching) + 1st assignment [chapter 1]
4 23-27/ 9	Chapter 2: Language Choice (Diglossia + Code-Switching)
5 30/9 -4/ 10	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties (Vernaculars, Standard Languages, Lingua Franca) Quiz 1 on Thursday
6 7- 11/10	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties (Pidgins and Creoles) Chapter 3: Language Death, Maintenance and Revival + 2nd assignment [ch3]
7 14- 18/ 10	Chapter 5: Language Planning (National and Official Languages, Planning a National or Official Language) Midterm on Thursday
8 21-25/ 10	3rd assignment [chapter 5] Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects (Regional Variation, Social Variation, Social Dialects)
9 28/ 10 -1/ 11	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects (Regional Variation, Social Variation, Social Dialects) Chapter 7: Age and Gender (Turn-Taking, Minimal Responses, Hedges, Compliments, Asking Questions, Apologising)
10 4-8/ 11	Chapter 7: Age and Gender (Explanation of Women's Linguistic Behaviour, Age-Graded Features) 8/11 Deadline for submitting 4th assignment [chapter 6]
11 11-15/ 11	Chapter 10: Style, Context and Register (Addressee as an influence on style, Accommodation Theory) + Quiz 2 on Sunday
12 18-22/ 11	Chapter 13: Language, Cognition and Culture (Language and Culture, Whorf Hypothesis, Perception) + Research Presentation Midterm on Thursday
13 25-29/ 11	Research Presentation Make up on Tuesday (27-11-2018) (Chapters: 3,5,6 and 7)
14 2-6/ 12	Review Week

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Ground Rules:

- 1- Attendance is a **MUST**.
- 2- Twice late is once absent. Punctuality is very important.
- 3- Participation is encouraged.
- 4- Plagiarism is **NOT** tolerated. Plagiarised papers are given a **ZERO**.
- 5- Dates of the exams and quizzes are **FIXED** and non-negotiable.
- 6- Should you need any help or have any questions, please contact me via email (24/7) or come to me during my office hours. You are totally responsible for any requirements mentioned in class.