

King Saud University

Course Syllabus

College of Arts

Semester: I

Academic Year: 1439/1440 (2017/2019)

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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	To study the relationship between language and society by focusing on language variability	
(i.e. Learning	and identity.	
Outcomes as specified		
in the Course		
Specifications)		
Textbook	Holmes, Janet. (2013) An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, 4th Edition. England: Pearson Education Limited.	
Supplementary	Coulmas, Florian. (2005) Sociolinguistics: The Study of Speakers' Choices.	
Reading	 Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Holmes, Janet. (1995) Women, Men and Politeness. London and New York: Longman Wardhaugh, R. (2010) An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, 6th Edition. England: Blackwell Publishers Ltd. 	

Methods of assessment:

Туре	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.
(10%) In- class Assignmen ts	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.	No more than 2 days after the assignment/ quiz/ midterm is
(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.	administered.
Presentatio	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 <u>ONLY</u> for <u>midterms</u> upon providing a medical excuse. The <u>make-up exam is going to be</u> 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	Торіс		
1	Registration Week		
2-6/9			
2	Chapter 1: What Do Sociolinguists Study?		
9 - 13/9	(Linguistic and Social Variables + Social Factors + Social Dimension)		
3	Chapter 2: Language Choice		
16-20/9	(Diglossia + Code-Switching) +1 st assignment [chapter 1]		
4	Chapter 2: Language Choice		
23-27/9	(Diglossia + Code-Switching)		
5	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties		
30/9 -4/ 10	(Vernaculars, Standard Languages, Lingua Franca) Quiz 1 on Thursday		
6	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties		
7-11/10	(Pidgins and Creoles)		
	Chapter 3: Language Death, Maintenance and Revival + 2 nd assignment [ch		
7	Chapter 5: Language Planning		
14-18/10	(National and Official Languages, Planning a National or Official Language)		
	Midterm on Thursday		
8	3 rd assignment [chapter 5]		
21-25/10	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects		
	(Regional Variation, Social Variation, Social Dialects)		
9	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects		
28/10	(Regional Variation, Social Variation, Social Dialects)		
-1/11	Chapter 7: Age and Gender		
	(Turn-Taking, Minimal Responses, Hedges, Compliments, Asking Questions, Apologising)		
10	Chapter 7: Age and Gender		
4-8/11	(Explanation of Women's Linguistic Behaviour, Age-Graded Features)		
1.0/11	8/11 Deadline for submitting 4 th assignment [chapter 6]		
11	Chapter 10: Style, Context and Register		
11-15/11	(Addressee as an influence on style, Accommodation Theory)		
	+ Quiz 2 on Sunday		
	Chapter 13: Language, Cognition and Culture		
12	(Language and Culture, Whorf Hypothesis, Perception) +		
18-22/11	Research Presentation		
	Midterm on Thursday		
13	Research Presentation		
25-29/11	Make up on Tuesday (27-11-2018) (Chapters: 3,5,6 and 7)		
14	Review Week		
2-6/12			

Ground Rules:

- 1- Attendance is a **MUST**.
- 2- Twice late is once absent. Punctuality is very important.
- 3- Participation is encouraged.
- 4- Plagiarism is <u>NOT</u> tolerated. Plagiarised papers are given a **ZERO**.
- 5- Dates of the exams and quizzes are **<u>FIXED</u>** 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.