King Saud University



King Saud University (1957) Course Syllabus

College of Arts Semester: II Academic Year: 1437/1438 (2016/2017)

Instructor's information:

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Course information:

Course Title	Language and Society	
Course Number	407	
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	jectives To study the relationship between language and society by focusing on language variability	
(i.e. Learning	Learning and identity.	
Outcomes as specified		
in the Course		
Specifications)		
Textbook	Holmes, Janet. (2013) <i>An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, 4th Edition</i> . England: Pearson Education Limited.	
Supplementary	Coulmas, Florian. (2005) Sociolinguistics: The Study of Speakers' Choices.	
Reading	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
_	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:

Type	Distribution of Marks	Date of Administration	Feedback
(30%)	2 exams each is 15%	1 st : 23/3/2017 [ch: 1, 2, 3, 4]	Feedback is always
Midterm		2 nd : 11/5/2017 [ch: 6, 7, 10, 13]	given to students
exams		_ , , , _	the following class.
(10%) In-	4 in-class assignments given	No date specified as part of the mark	No more than 2
class	throughout the semester.	weight is allocated also to attendance.	days after the
Assignmen		NO MAKE UP.	assignment/ quiz/
ts			midterm is
(10%)	2 quizzes each is 5%	1 st : 9/3/2017 [ch: 1, 2]	administered.
Quizzes		2 nd : 23/4/2017 [ch: 5, 6]	
		NO MAKE UP.	
(10%)	A presentation to be given and an	Week 14	In the same class.
Research	outline to be submitted. Students		
Presentatio	are evaluated individually but		
n	there is a mark for teamwork.		

Final	40%		In 3 days,
Exam			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 Thursday 16-5-2017 (week 14) from 12:00 to 1:00, Chapters included are 3, 5, 6 and 7.

Weekly Syllabus:

Week Week	Topic		
1	Registration Week		
5-9/2			
2	Chapter 1: What Do Sociolinguists Study?		
12-16 /2	(Linguistic and Social Variables + Social Factors + Social Dimension)		
3	Chapter 2: Language Choice		
19-23 /2	(Diglossia + Code-Switching) + 1st assignment [chapter 1]		
4	Chapter 2: Language Choice		
26/2-2/3	(Diglossia + Code-Switching)		
5	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties		
5-9 /3	(Vernaculars, Standard Languages, Lingua Franca) Quiz 1 on Thursday		
6	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties		
12-16 /3	(Pidgins and Creoles)		
	Chapter 3: Language Death, Maintenance and Revival		
7	Chapter 5: Language Planning		
19 -23/3	(National and Official Languages, Planning a National or Official Language)		
-	Midterm on Thursday		
8	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects (Pagingal Varieties, Social Varieties, Social Dialects)		
26 - 30 /3	(Regional Variation, Social Variation, Social Dialects)		
	Spring Break		
9	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects		
9-13 /4	(Regional Variation, Social Variation, Social Dialects)		
10	Chapter 7: Age and Gender		
16-20 /4	(Turn-Taking, Minimal Responses, Hedges, Compliments, Asking Questions,		
	Apologising)		
11	Chapter 7: Age and Gender		
23-27 /4	(Explanation of Women's Linguistic Behaviour, Age-Graded Features)		
10	+ Quiz 2 on Thursday Chapter 10: Style Contact and Register		
12	Chapter 10: Style, Context and Register (Addressee as an influence on style, Accommodation Theory)		
30/4-4 /5	Chapter 13: Language, Cognition and Culture		
13	(Language and Culture, Whorf Hypothesis, Perception) + Midterm on Thursday		
7-11 /5	Language and Curture, whom mypomesis, i electricing + indicating on mursuay		
14	Research Presentation		
14-18 /5	Make up on Tuesday (16-5-2017) (Chapters: 3,5,6 and 7)		
15	Revision Week		
21-25 /5			

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.