

## ATTACHMENT 5.

# T6. COURSE SPECIFICATIONS (CS)

ENG 221

Introduction to Linguistic Sciences

Institution King Saud University	Date of Report 30/1/2019
College/Department College of Arts/Department of English Language and Literature	

#### A. Course Identification and General Information

1. Course title and code: Introduction to Linguistic Sciences - ENG 221			
2. Credit hours: 3 hours			
3. Program(s) in which the course is offered. (If general elective available in many programs indicate this rather than list programs) B. A. in English			
4. Name of faculty member responsible for the course Several Professors.			
5. Level/year at which this course is offered Third Level/Second Year			
6. Pre-requisites for this course (if any) None			
7. Co-requisites for this course (if any) None			
8. Location if not on main campus			
9. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)			
a. Traditional classroom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	What percentage?	<input type="text" value="80"/>
b. Blended (traditional and online)	<input type="checkbox"/>	What percentage?	<input type="text"/>
c. e-learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	What percentage?	<input type="text" value="20"/>
d. Correspondence	<input type="checkbox"/>	What percentage?	<input type="text"/>
f. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	What percentage?	<input type="text"/>
Comments: It is mostly traditional. Online quizzes, assignments and exercises are used in this course for comprehensive learning.			

## B. Objectives

1. What is the main purpose for this course?
  1. Understand why we study language and linguistics
  2. Use linguistic terminology accurately.
  3. Define the basic terms in the core areas of linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics
  4. Explain the basic concepts and distinctions in the core areas of linguistics
  5. Perform simple linguistic analyses of sounds, words, phrases and sentences
2. Briefly describe any plans for developing and improving the course that are being implemented. (e.g. increased use of IT or web based reference material, changes in content as a result of new research in the field)
  1. The following series of orientation workshops are essential for BOTH faculty and students<sup>1</sup>:  
**Faculty:** assessment and teaching methods applied in Linguistic courses  
**Students:**  
 Suggested workshops:
    - a) Basic skills with word processing software.
    - b) Plagiarism
    - c) Virtual classes
    - d) Critical and Investigative Thinking Skills
  2. End of term faculty meetings /workshops/discussions to assess efficacy of modes of instruction; material given; grading rubric; problems that need to be addressed
  3. Annually confirm availability of resources. The library must coordinate with department and Quality to confirm it is equipped with references and required material (see below)
  4. Provide support throughout the term from CWE (if available) and focused skills developments session to be offered by the relevant entities.
  5. All instructors should have a clearly written assignment guide for all assignments in the course. Work on a combined unified assignment guide for linguistic courses, or at least a unified standard.

<sup>1</sup> Workshops to be given by: the Centre for Writing in English (CWE) if available; Quality; Academic Improvement; Student Support Center if available; Library.

**C. Course Description (Note: General description in the form to be used for the Bulletin or handbook)**

This course provides an up-to-date introduction to the study of Linguistic sciences. The course covers the importance of studying languages and linguistics. The areas that will be thoroughly covered in this course are: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

1. Topics to be Covered		
List of Topics	No. of Weeks	Contact Hours
General Introduction: What is Linguistics? General principles in Linguistics	1	2
Phonetics	2.5	8
Phonology	2.5	8
Morphology	2.5	8
Syntax	2.5	8
Semantics	2.5	8
Quizzes/Midterms throughout	1	3

2. Course components (total contact hours and credits per semester):							
		Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Practical	Other: Quizzes/ Midterms	Total
Contact Hours	Planned	42hours				3 hours	45 hours
	Actual						
Credit	Planned	3 hours					3 hours
	Actual						

3. Additional private study/learning hours expected for students per week.	6 hours
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4. Course Learning Outcomes in NQF Domains of Learning and Alignment with Assessment Methods and Teaching Strategy
<b>On the table below are the five NQF Learning Domains, numbered in the left column.</b>

**First**, insert the suitable and measurable course learning outcomes required in the appropriate learning domains (see suggestions below the table). **Second**, insert supporting teaching strategies that fit and align with the assessment methods and intended learning outcomes. **Third**, insert appropriate assessment methods that accurately measure and evaluate the learning outcome. Each course learning outcomes, assessment method, and teaching strategy ought to reasonably fit and flow together as an integrated learning and teaching process. (Courses are not required to include learning outcomes from each domain.)

	NQF Learning Domains And Course Learning Outcomes	Course Teaching Strategies	Course Assessment Methods
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Knowledge</b> Students should be able to:		
1.1	Outline the importance of language study and linguistics	1. Lectures 2. Class discussion 3. In-class exercises 4. Collaborative learning 5. Extra handouts	1. Midterms 2. Quizzes 3. Class participation 4. Presentations 5. Final Exam
1.2	Define the basic concepts and distinctions of the core areas of Linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.		
1.3	State and define the basic linguistic terminology		
1.4	Memorize and reproduce the phonemic symbols (IPA)		
1.5	Recognize phonological rules		
1.6	Locate types of morphemes		
1.7	Recall semantic meaning classification		
1.8	Identify phrase structure rules		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Cognitive Skills</b> Student should be able to:		
2.1	Explain and use the linguistic terminology	1. Lectures 2. Class discussions and collaborative and individual practice as well as group work 3. Analyze linguistic data to understand the components of sounds 4. Study problem sets to help students understand the word and sentence structures.	1. Class participation 2. In-class/ home assignments 3. Midterms, quizzes and final exam
2.2	Transcribe words phonemically and phonetically		
2.3	Analyze the structure of words and sentences.		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Interpersonal Skills &amp; Responsibility</b> Students should be able to:		

3.1	Demonstrate leadership role	1. Assigning reading assignments to students prior to lectures. 2. Individual counselling on areas of concern to the students.	1. Active class participation reflects the student's willingness to learn with a positive attitude towards the course. 2. Performance on midterm, term papers, and final exam are evidence of the student's ability to recollect and synthesize information.
3.2	Demonstrate a sense of accountability.	1. To instil a sense of responsibility for one's learning. 2. To have clear deadlines for submissions, exam dates and other important rules to be written in the course syllabus, which is given to students at the beginning of each term.	Enforcing deadlines and rules mentioned in the syllabus.
3.3	Evaluate on one's own work	Either one on one sessions or class	"reflect on one's work" session AFTER term paper or midterm submission
4.0	<b>Communication, Information Technology, Numerical</b> Students should be able to:		
4.1	Operate IPA keyboards online	Students will be given simple words to practice transcribing.	Assignments
4.2	Operate the internet to download information and make use of useful web links.	Students will be encouraged to make extensive use of material on the web and the digital library.	1. Demand the use of references in both group presentations and the research paper  2. Students will be graded on their use of online scholarly material on their research papers
4.3	Operate the internet to communicate with the teaching staff or faculty	The use of LMS and email.	The use of a professional email address and language
4.5	Develop writing and verbal skills for communication	This should be encouraged by the instructors in using any means of communication in class or outside class.	Class presentations Group work Journals



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5.0	Psychomotor		
5.1	NA		

5. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester			
	Assessment task (e.g. essay, test, group project, examination, speech, oral presentation, etc.)	Week Due	Proportion of Total Assessment
1	1st midterm	8	15%
2	2nd midterm	12	15%
3	Weekly quizzes and assignments	Throughout	30%
5	Final	14 or 15	40%

#### D. Student Academic Counseling and Support

1. Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice. (include amount of time teaching staff are expected to be available each week)  
4 hours per week; email

#### E. Learning Resources

##### 1. List Required Textbooks

Denham, K. & Lobeck, A. (2013) *Linguistics for Everyone: An Introduction (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)*. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning Wadsworth.

##### 2. List Essential References Materials (Journals, Reports, etc.)

- Language Files*. 10th edition. Ohio State University Press, 2007
- Winkler, E. G. (2007). *Understanding language*. London: Continuum. Crane, Ben et al. (1984). *Introduction to Linguistics*.
- Fromkin, V, R. Rodman & N. Hyams. (2007). *An Introduction to Language*, Eighth Edition. d. Boston: Thompson Wordsworth.
- d. Yule, G. (2014). *The Study of Language*, Fifth Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- McGregor, W. (2009). *Linguistics: An Introduction*. Continuum International Publishing Group.

##### 3. List Electronic Materials, Web Sites, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

[www.sil.org/computing/catalog/show\\_software.asp?id=12](http://www.sil.org/computing/catalog/show_software.asp?id=12)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/>  
<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/phonemic-chart>  
<http://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/phonemic-chart-ia.htm>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJedwz\\_r2Pc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJedwz_r2Pc)  
<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/>



<http://www.internationalphoneticalphabet.org/ipa-sounds/ipa-chart-with-sounds/>

4. Other learning material such as computer-based programs/CD, professional standards or regulations and software.

## F. Facilities Required

Indicate requirements for the course including size of classrooms and laboratories (i.e. number of seats in classrooms and laboratories, extent of computer access etc.)

1. Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)

[Lecture rooms large enough to hold 20-30 students](#)

2. Computing resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)

[Laptop computer - projector system](#)

3. Other resources (specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach list)

[None](#)

## G. Course Evaluation and Improvement Processes

1 Strategies for Obtaining Student Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching

[1. Midterm evaluation feed-back form to increase instructor's awareness of the weak and strong points of the class \(administered by the instructor\)](#)

[2. End of term college evaluation of course by students \(to be collected by the department\)](#)

[3. End-of-term debriefing in class of students and teacher regarding what went well and what could have gone better](#)

[4. Small group instructional diagnosis \(SGID\) whereby instructors exchange classes and gather information from one another on specific points outlined by the department and the instructor being evaluated](#)

2. Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching by the Program/Department Instructor

[1. Peer evaluation to benefit from viewpoints of other faculty members](#)

[2. Class observations by coordinators or Head of department](#)

3. Processes for Improvement of Teaching

[1. Training sessions](#)

[2. Workshops to facilitate the exchange of experiences amongst faculty members](#)

[3. Regular meetings with coordinators and other instructors of the course where problems and challenges are discussed and solutions given](#)

[4. Encouragement of faculty members to attend professional development conferences.](#)

[5. Keep up to date with pedagogical theory and practice](#)

[6. Set goals for achieving excellence in teaching at the beginning of each new semester after reviewing last semester's teaching strategies and results](#)

4. Processes for Verifying Standards of Student Achievement (e.g. check marking by an independent member teaching staff of a sample of student work, periodic exchange and remarking of tests or a sample of assignments with staff at another institution)

1. Regular meetings with the coordinator and other instructors to exchange samples of exam papers to verify standards of students' achievement.

2. Check marking of a sample of examination papers by another faculty member.

3. Students who believe they are under graded can have their papers checked by a second reader

5. Describe the planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for improvement.

1. Compare syllabi and course description with other universities

2. Conduct peer review or course observation

3. Biannual meetings of faculty members to discuss improvement

4. Review curriculum periodically and suggest improvements

5. Apply students course evaluation survey

6. External examiner

Faculty or Teaching Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Report Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Dean/Department Head

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_