



## UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

### ALS426: LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

<b>Course Name (English)</b>	LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS <b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Course Code</b>	ALS426
<b>MQF Credit</b>	1
<b>Course Description</b>	This course is an introduction to the study of language and linguistics. It introduces students to the basic concepts, principles and theories in language and linguistics. It provides some background information on the origins of language, differences between animal and human language, language acquisition/learning and linguistics matters that include phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics. It also teaches students to analyze some language issues based on movies/reports/documentaries, and write a project paper regarding language-related issues.
<b>Transferable Skills</b>	a) Teamwork b) Personal Motivation, Organization, and Time Management. c) Written and Verbal Communication d) Research and Analytical Skills
<b>Teaching Methodologies</b>	Lectures, Blended Learning, Web Based Learning, Language Games, Discussion, Presentation, Collaborative Learning
<b>CLO</b>	CLO1 Describe fundamental knowledge of the English language and linguistics in new contexts. CLO2 Display practical language and linguistic skills through an e-learning portfolio. CLO3 Demonstrate collaborative teamwork skills in tasks related to issues in language and linguistics.
<b>Pre-Requisite Courses</b>	No course recommendations
<b>Topics</b>	
<b>1. Introduction to Language</b> 1.1) Linguistic Knowledge 1.2) Grammar 1.3) Non-human Language	
<b>2. Morphology</b> 2.1) Content and Function Words 2.2) Morphemes 2.3) a) Bound and Free Morphemes 2.4) b) Circumfixes 2.5) c) Root and Stems 2.6) Rules of Word Formation 2.7) a) Derivational Morphology 2.8) b) Inflectional Morphology 2.9) c) The Hierarchical Structure of Words 2.10) d) Other Morphological Processes	
<b>3. Syntax</b> 3.1) Rules of Syntax 3.2) Sentence Structure 3.3) a) Constituents and Constituency Tests 3.4) b) Transformational Analysis 3.5) The Internal Structure of Phrases 3.6) Grammatical Dependencies	

**4. Semantics**

- 4.1) Sentence Meaning
- 4.2) Compositional Semantics
- 4.3) Lexical Semantics
- 4.4) a) Lexical Relations
- 4.5) b) Semantic Features
- 4.6) c) Argument Structure and Thematic Roles

**5. Pragmatics**

- 5.1) Pronouns and Other Deictic Words
- 5.2) Implicatures
- 5.3) Presuppositions
- 5.4) Speech Acts

**6. Phonetics**

- 6.1) Sound Segments
- 6.2) The Phonetic Alphabet
- 6.3) Articulatory Phonetics
- 6.4) a) Consonants
- 6.5) b) Vowels
- 6.6) Phonetic Classes
- 6.7) Prosodic features

**7. Phonology**

- 7.1) Pronunciation of Morphemes
- 7.2) Phonological Units of Language
- 7.3) Prosodic Phonology
- 7.4) Sequential Constraints of Phoneme

**8. Language and the Brain**

- 8.1) The Human Mind at Work
- 8.2) a) Comprehension
- 8.3) b) Syntactic Processing
- 8.4) c) Speech Production
- 8.5) Brain and Language
- 8.6) a) The Human Brain
- 8.7) b) The Localization of Language in the Brain
- 8.8) c) Neural Evidence of Grammar Phenomena
- 8.9) Language and Brain Development
- 8.10) a) Left Hemisphere Lateralization for Language in Young Children
- 8.11) a) Brain Plasticity
- 8.12) b) The Critical Period

**9. Language Acquisition**

- 9.1) The Linguistic Capacity of Children
- 9.2) The Role of Linguistics Environment
- 9.3) Bilingualism
- 9.4) Second Language Acquisition

Assessment Breakdown		%	
Continuous Assessment		100.00%	

  

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Group Project	Project	40%	CLO3
	Portfolio/Log Book	Portfolio	20%	CLO2
	Test	Test	40%	CLO1

  

Reading List	Recommended Text	Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman, Nina M. Hyams 2018, <i>An Introduction to Language</i> , 11th Ed., 10, Cengage Singapore [ISBN: 9789814846387]
	Reference Book Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Linguistics 2016, <i>Language Files: Materials for an Introduction to Language and Linguistics</i>, 12th Ed., Ohio State USA</li> <li>• Genetti, C. 2014, <i>How languages work: An introduction to language and linguistics</i>, Cambridge University Press. USA</li> <li>• George Yule 2017, <i>The Study of Language</i>, 5th Ed., 20, Cambridge Singapore [ISBN: 9781107441163]</li> <li>• Hornsby, D 2014, <i>Linguistics: A complete introduction</i>, CPI Group. UK</li> <li>• Trask, R.L. and Mayblin, B. 2014, <i>Introducing Linguistics: A Graphic Guide.</i>, Icon Books Ltd. London</li> </ul>
Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources	
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources	