



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

ALS152: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

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| Course Name (English) | INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS APPROVED |
| Course Code | ALS152 |
| MQF Credit | 3 |
| Course Description | This course aims to expose students to the foundation of linguistics. language structures are analysed in terms of phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. Through this course, students are able to analyse and comprehend language structures and elements of linguistics as a whole in order to use them effectively in verbal and written communication. Students also learn to communicate respectfully and responsibly with others. |
| Transferable Skills | Ability to transfer language and linguistic skills in academic and professional settings respectfully and responsibly. |
| Teaching Methodologies | Lectures, Case Study, Peer Practice, Collaborative Learning |
| CLO | CLO1 Explain the importance of linguistic and language features for effective communication. CLO2 Display the use of linguistic and language features in effective communication. CLO3 Demonstrate respect, social communication and social responsibilities through the use of linguistic and language features for effective communication. |
| Pre-Requisite Courses | No course recommendations |
| Topics | |
| 1. Introduction to Language and Linguistics 1.1) Reasons why speakers pronounce words differently 1.2) The concept of word formation in languages 1.3) The concept of creativity in language production 1.4) Sentences and non-sentences 1.5) The concept of linguistics knowledge and performance | |
| 2. Phonetics 2.1) Definition of phonetics 2.2) The articulatory features of English vowel sounds 2.3) The articulatory features of English consonant sounds 2.4) Phonetic features 2.5) Prosodic features | |
| 3. Phonology 3.1) Definition of phonology 3.2) Features of phonemes, phones and allophones 3.3) Minimal sets and minimal pairs 3.4) Syllables and clusters | |
| 4. Morphology 4.1) Definition of morphology 4.2) Content and function words 4.3) Free and bound morphemes 4.4) Root and stems 4.5) Derivational and inflectional morphology 4.6) Hierarchical structure of words | |

5. Syntax

- 5.1) Definition of syntax
- 5.2) The structure of sentences
- 5.3) Constituents and constituency tests of a sentence
- 5.4) Structural ambiguity
- 5.5) Syntactic, lexical and functional categories
- 5.6) Phrase structure rules
- 5.7) Recursive and transformational rules

6. Semantics

- 6.1) Definition of semantics
- 6.2) Semantic features
- 6.3) Semantic roles
- 6.4) Lexical relations

7. Pragmatics

- 7.1) Definition of pragmatics
- 7.2) Speakers' contextual meaning
- 7.3) Speakers' referential meaning
- 7.4) Speech acts
- 7.5) The concept of 'face' in politeness

8. Language Acquisition

- 8.1) First language acquisition
- 8.2) Second language acquisition
- 8.3) Acquisition barriers
- 8.4) Linguistics issues

| Assessment Breakdown | | % | |
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| Continuous Assessment | | 100.00% | |

| Details of Continuous Assessment | Assessment Type | Assessment Description | % of Total Mark | CLO |
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| | Presentation | Group Presentation (2) | 20% | CLO2 |
| | Presentation | Group Presentation (3) | 20% | CLO3 |
| | Test | Written Test | 30% | CLO1 |
| | Written Report | Individual Reflective Paper (1) | 10% | CLO1 |
| | Written Report | Individual Reflective Paper (2) | 20% | CLO2 |

| Reading List | Recommended Text | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yule, George. 2010, <i>The Study of Language</i>, 4th Ed., Cambridge University Press Cambridge • Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., & Hyams, N. 2017, <i>An Introduction To Language</i>, 11th Ed Ed., 10, Cengage Learning Asia Singapore [ISBN: 9789814846387] |
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| | Reference Book Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curzan, A. & Adams, M. 2013, <i>How English Works: A linguistic Introduction</i>, 3rd Ed Ed., Pearson UK • Fasold, R.W. & Connor-Linton, J. 2014, <i>An Introduction to Language and Linguistics</i>, Cambridge University Press Cambridge • Genetti, C. 2014, <i>How Languages Work: An Introduction to Language and Linguistics</i>, Cambridge University Press Cambridge • Jenkins, J. 2007, <i>English as a Lingua Franca; Attitude and Identity</i>, Oxford University Press USA • Katamba, F., O'Grady, W. & Archibald, J. 2011, <i>Contemporary Linguistics; An Intoduction</i>, Pearson UK • Bauer, L. 2012, <i>Beginning Linguistics</i>, Palgrave MacMillan UK |
| Article/Paper List | This Course does not have any article/paper resources | |
| Other References | This Course does not have any other resources | |