

Course Description and Outline

Course Description

It can be argued that who we are and what we are able to achieve socially is determined by the range of different forms of language which we have at our disposal. We use language in a variety of contexts, to fulfill a broad range of communicative and social goals. This course explores the ways in which language varies according to subject area, social setting, communicative purpose and the social roles and identities of those involved. The time allotted to *Discourse Analysis* is 90min/week, which may not be sufficient to cover the wide range of topics. Nonetheless, the aforementioned course is meant to introduce (concisely, though) concepts, theories and research behind the study of naturally occurring language in use. Moreover, a historical overview of discourse analysis, why studying discourse analysis, definitions and types of discourses are discussed. Thus, opportunities to analyze both spoken and written discourse are offered. This class will help you recognize the linguistic elements of an utterance, its implicatures, the speech acts involved, and its role in conversation . Enjoy our class and please stay in contact with me and remember that you are not alone. We are all in this together! I enjoy teaching and especially enjoy linguistics and discourse analysis, so please feel free to contact me as often as you like. I want you to succeed and also to enjoy our class. Let me help you do that.

Objectives of the Course

This course aims to,

- Identify various definitions of and approaches to discourse analysis.

- Discuss the purposes that discourse analysis can serve.
- Develop student ability to critically evaluate written and spoken materials in the field of discourse analysis.
- Develop student understanding of the different tools of analysis utilised specifically within Linguistics.
- Encourage awareness of the ways in which discourse practices vary across social, cultural and linguistic boundaries, and how this impacts within local and global contexts.

Expected Outcomes

By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand principles of discourse analysis and apply them to the analysis of naturally occurring utterances
- Use language focusing on functions rather than only on forms
- Explore the central aspects of spoken and written language in its linguistic and extra-linguistic context
- Recognize the linguistic elements of an utterance, its implicatures, the speech acts involved, and its role in conversation
- Illustrate the roles of society, culture, and context in discourse.

Prerequisite of the Course

Basic knowledge of general linguistics

Methodology of Teaching

- I. Online (Moodle) course presentation

- II. Class Discussion
- III. Preparing small-scale projects
- IV. Written Essays/ Homework

Table of Content

Semester One

- I. Historical Overview**
- II. Text Linguistics vs Discourse Analysis**
 - a. Text and Discourse Definitions*
 - b. Context*
 - c. Definition and Evolution of Text Linguistics and Discourse Analysis through Time*
- III. Perspectives and Scope of Discourse Analysis**
 - a. What do discourse analysts do?*
 - b. Definitions*
 - c. Form and Function*
- IV. The Internal Structure of Discourse (Types of Texts in Discourse Analysis)**
 - a. Means of Production: monologue and Dialogue*
 - b. Medium of Production: Spoken and Written*

Semester Two

V. Devices in Speech : Cohesion and Coherence

a. Definitions

b. Grammatical Cohesion

- Reference
- Substitution
- Ellipsis
- Conjunctions

c. Lexical Cohesion

VI. Speech Acts and Events

a. Definition of Speech Acts

b. Speech Acts Dimensions

c. Speech Events and Speech Situations

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