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Contrastive and Error Analysis 2235433

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the different approaches to analyzing the linguistic forms acquired by second language learners, inter-language systems, and types and causes of errors. Special attention is given errors made by Arabic speakers learning English, and how they relate to the differences between the two languages. Emphasis is placed on contrasting English and Arabic in terms of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will acquire:

1. Understanding the principles of error analysis.
2. Understanding how the differences between languages relate to different types of errors.
3. The ability to explain pertinent linguistic phenomena such as transfer, interference, etc..

4. The ability to minimize errors in English as a foreign language
5. The ability to use the information provided throughout the course in other areas such as foreign language teaching, communicating with foreigners, translation, etc.

TEXTBOOKS

- Nayef Kharma, & Ali Hajjaj (1989). *Errors in English among Arabic Speakers: Analysis and Remedy*. Longman: UK.

-John Norrish 1983 *Language learners and their Errors*. Macmillan Press: London

REFERENCES

1. Aziz Khalil 2010 *A Contrastive Grammar of English and Arabic*. Jordan Book Center : Jordan
2. Danesi, M. and Di Pietro (1991). *Contrastive Analysis for the Contemporary Second Language Classroom*. Ontario: OISE
3. James, C. (1980) *Contrastive Analysis*. London: Longman.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week- 01	- Introduction : Errors, Attitudes and Principles : Norrish
Week- 02	- Psychology of Learning
Week- 03	- Causes of Errors
Week- 04	- Sound system in Arabic and English (Kharma and Al-Hajjaj)
Week- 05	- Derivation and Inflection
Week- 06	- Compounding
Week- 07	- Words and Meaning (Homonymy, Synonymy, Antonymy)
Week 08	- Collocation , Phrasal verbs, Idioms).

MID-TERM EXAM (30 marks)

- Week- 09 - Prepositions & Prepositional Phrases, Function words
- Week- 10 - Loan Words, Cognates & Confusables
- Week- 11 - Types of Sentence
- Week- 12 - The Simple Sentence
- Week- 13 - Sentence Expansion

- Week- 14 - Parts of the sentence (NP and VP)
- Week- 15 - Passive
- Week- 16 - Inter-sentential relations in discourse

METHODS OF EVALUATION

- 1. Midterm Exam 30 marks
- 2. Quizzes & assignments 20 marks
- 3- Final Exam 50 marks