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Course Title : Discourse Analysis
Course Number : 2201754

Course Description

Discourse Analysis (DA) is a course that investigates the organisation of language beyond the sentence in both speech and writing. The course consists of two parts. The first examines the major approaches to DA while the second highlights its pedagogical applications. Students are expected to explore ways in which their theoretical knowledge can be put into action to develop their discourse skills.

Course Schedule

Week	Topic
1 & 2	Discourse Analysis: principles, perimeters and impact on language acquisition Al-Kahtany (monograph), pp. 1-60; Cook, pp. 3-12
3	The seven standards of textuality Beaugrande and Dressler, chapters 1 & 2, pp. 1-30
4-6	Cohesion, coherence, intentionality, and acceptability Beaugrande and Dressler, chapters 4, 5 & 6, pp. 48-137
7 - 9	Informativity, situationality, and intertextuality Beaugrande and Dressler, chapters 6, 7 & 8, pp. 113-206 Note: Students summarise these chapters, and present them in class
10 & 11	Renkema, Chapters 2, 3, 4 & 5, pp. 7-52
12 & 7	Renkema, chapters 6 and 7, pp. 52-85
13	Renkema, chapter 8, pp. 86-95
14-15	Students present their projects, i.e., research reports
16	Final examination

Evaluation

Test 1	30% Week 9
Presentations	10% Weeks 10-12
Term paper	20% Weeks 14-5
Final exam	30% Week 16

Textbooks and one article

- Al-Kahtany, A. 1996. Discourse analysis: Its principles, perimeters, and impact on first and second language acquisition. Abha: King Saud University.
- Cook, G. 1989. Discourse. Oxford: OUP.
- de Beaugrand, R. and W. Dressler. 1981. Introduction to text linguistics. London: Longman

Renkema, J. 1993. Discourse studies: An introductory textbook. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company

Wisniewski, Kamil. 2006. Discourse analysis.
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- Brown, G. and G. Yule. 1983. Discourse analysis. Cambridge: CUP.
- Dijk, T. A. van. 1985. Handbook of discourse analysis (Vol. 3). London: Academic Press.
- Dressler, W. 1977. Current trends in textlinguistics. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- Stubbs, M. 1983. Discourse analysis: the sociolinguistic analysis of natural language. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Traugott, E. and M. Pratt. 1980. Linguistics for students of literature. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.