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**Department of Syriac**

**College of Education**

**Salahaddin University**

**Subject: Linguistics**

**Coursebook – 4th Year-First semester**

**Lecturer's name: Asst. Prof. Dr Salam Hakeem**

**Academic Year: 2023-2024**

**Course Book**

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| **1. Course name** | **Linguistics** | |
| **2. Lecturer in charge** | **Salam N. H. Hakeem** | |
| **3. Department/ College** | **Syriac- College of Education** | |
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| **5. Time (in hours) per week** | **Theoretical: 3**  **Practical:** | |
| **6. Office hours** | **6** | |
| **7. Course code** | **None** | |
| **8. Teacher's academic profile.** | Salam Hakeem graduated from the English Department of the College of Languages, Salahaddin University-Erbil in 1996. He got his MA in 2002 and his PhD in 2010 in English Language and Linguistics from the same university. His MA thesis tackled the syntactic and semantic properties of idiomatic expressions. His PhD dissertation, which was entitled ‘Politeness in English and Syriac’, focused on showing how people from different cultures and/or speaking different languages may use different politeness strategies in their interaction with one another. | |
| **9. Keywords** | Linguistics**,** language**,** design features, animal communication**.** | |
| **10. Course overview:**  This course is designed for 4th year students of Syriac department. It is a general introduction to linguistics, and it attempts to answer two fundamental questions: what is language and how does language work? It outlines the scope of linguistics explaining the basic concepts and essential terminology. It also discusses the design features of language in comparison to animal communication systems. | | |
| **11. Course objective:**  The course objective is to familiarize the students with the basic knowledge of linguistics starting with the general questions in linguistics and the differences between human language and animal communication. | | |
| **12. Student's obligation**  All students are expected to attend the scheduled class meetings and to be on time. Attendance is essential because a lot of the work will be done in class through exercises, discussions and presentations. Absence without prior permission from the instructor will result in penalty. In case of emergency, students are expected to provide supporting documents from appropriate sources. | | |
| **13.** The course includes the following student-centred activities:   * In-class Group discussions * Individual assignments and presentations * Group work activities | | |
| **14. Assessment scheme**  Students will be assessed as follows:   * Daily attendance and activities are worth 15% of the total grade. * We will have two midterm exams and a final exam. * The midterm exams will be worth 25%. * The final exam will be worth 60% of the student’s grade. | | |
| **15. Student learning**  After taking this course, the students are expected to demonstrate basic and essential knowledge about linguistics and would make use of the areas studied when they graduate and become teachers or to pursue higher studies in the future. | | |
| **16. Course Reading List and References‌:**  ▪Aitchison, J. (2012). *Understanding Linguistics*. London: Hodder Education.  ▪Akmajian, A., Demers, R., Farmer, A. and Harnish, R. (2010). *Linguistics:* *An Introduction to Language and communication.* 6thed.Cambridge: MIT Press  ▪Hudson, G. (2000). *Essential Introductory Linguistics*. London: Blackwell. | | |
| **17. The Topics:**  What is Linguistics?  How does linguistics differ from traditional grammar?  The scope of linguistics.  What is Language?  The design features of Language.  Use of sound signals,  Arbitrariness,  The need for learning,  Duality,  Displacement,  Creativity  Human language versus animal communication  Origin of language  The role of language | | |
| **18. Practical Topics (If there is any)** | |  |
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| **19. Examinations:**  ***1. Compositional:*** How does linguistics differ from grammar? Or define the following: language , linguistics , arbitrariness.  ***2. True or false type of exams:*** *state whether the following statement is true or false and then correct the false one.:*  *1- In animal communication there is no internal organization within the system.*  *2- Traditional grammar is descriptive.*  *3-creativity means the organization of language into two layers of sounds and larger units.*  ***3.Explain briefly***  *1****-*** *Duality*  *2-Displacemrnt* | | |
| 20. **Extra** **notes**: Students may do presentations about certain subjects of the book and they will be rewarded for this activity. | | |
| **21. Peer review** | | |