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| **126 najd Syllabus – Spring 2016** | | | | | |
| **Course Code & No.:** 126 najd | | | **Credit Hours:** 2 | **Course Instructors:** Shabina Khan, Nasiba Alyami , | **Semester:** 2nd, Spring 2016 |
| **Main Course Goals:** The course aims at developing students’ knowledge in the field of sociolinguistics. It is mainly a reading and an understanding of texts about the culture of the English language (the target language). | | | | | |
| **Course Texts:** the Study of Language , George Yule 4th ed. + Language & Culture, Claire Kramsch + Related website articles | | | | | |
| **Assessment:** First in-term: 25 Second in-term: 30 Students’ Presentation: 5 pts Final: 40 | | | | | |
| **Office:** 22 / 2nd floor | | | **Office hours:** sun & thurs 10-11 / mon 11-1 | | |
| **Instructor’s Email:**  naalyami@ksu.edu.sa | | | **Instructor’s Email:**  shkhan@ksu.edu.sa | | |
| **Absence Warning:** 25% & above | | | **Banning from final exam:** 25% & above | | |
| **Important Reminders:**  **(1)** Since language accuracy is core to translation and interpreting, expect strict, detailed grading of all language errors, in all courses.  **(2)** Right after being absent from an exam, a valid verifiable excuse must be presented to the exam committee for approval. Location: G/16  **(3)** No points will be awarded for **(a)** cheating in any exam and/or **(b)** plagiarism: using other people’s work without proper citation.  For further info on KSU’s plagiarism policies and detection tools, check this link: <http://35302.wikispaces.com/file/view/plagiarism+handbook+2011.pdf>  **(4)** A more severe penalty will be implemented upon repeated cheating and/or plagiarism.  **(5)** Abayas must be removed during class and exams; phones must be switched off and only used for emergencies.  **(6)** A Psychological Counseling Center is available to students on campus, if needed. | | | | | |
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| **Tentative Weekly Schedule** | | | | | |
| **Week** | **Gregorian** | **Hijri** | **Lesson** | | |
| **1** | **Sun.,**  **Jan. 17** | **7/4/1437** | Registration week (dropping/adding courses) | | |
| **2** | **Sun.,**  **Jan. 24** | **14/4/1437** | Introduction/ Orientation | | |
| **3** | **Sun.,**  **Jan. 31** | **21/4/1437** | Language, History & change  Philology - Family trees- cognates- Language change (old, middle, & modern English)  (English Language External/ Internal changes – Diachronic & synchronic variation) | | |
| **4** | **Sun.,**  **Feb. 7** | **28/4/1437** | Language & Regional Variation  (The Standard Language- Accent & Dialect-Dialectology - Regional Dialects – isoglosses & dialect boundaries) | | |
| **5** | **Tues.,**  **Feb. 14** | **5/5/1437** | Language & Regional Variation  (Bilingualism & diglossia - Language Planning - pidgins &creoles) | | |
| **6** | **Sun.,**  **Feb. 21** | **12/5/1437** | Language & Social Variation  (Sociolinguistics – social dialects – education & occupation – social markers) | | |
| **7** | **Sun.,**  **Feb. 28** | **19/5/1437** | **Mid-term 1** | | |
| **8** | **Sun.,**  **Mar. 6** | **26/5/1437** | Language & Social Variation  (Speech style & style shifting – prestige – speech accommodation – register and jargon – slang – vernacular language ) | | |
| MID-SEMESTER BREAK | | | | | |
| **9** | **Sun.,**  **Mar. 20** | **11/6/1437** | Language & Culture  (Defining Language- Defining Culture- Relationship between Language & Culture-  Categories ( kinship/ time) ) | | |
| **10** | **Sun.,**  **Mar. 27** | **18/6/1437** | Language & Culture  (Linguistic relativity- Sapir-Whorf hypothesis- Cognitive categories- Social categories) | | |
| **11** | **Sun.,**  **Apr. 3** | **25/6/1437** | Cross-cultural communication  Technical terminologies (cross-cultural/ intercultural/ multicultural)  Features of Target Language Culture “American/ British/ Australian”  (Individualism – Power Distance- Uncertainty Avoidance) | | |
| **12** | **Sun.,**  **Apr. 10** | **3/7/1437** | Cross-cultural communication  (Masculinity- Low context- indirect communication/ humor- Non-verbal communication ) | | |
| **13** | **Sun.,**  **Apr. 17** | **10/7/1437** | **Mid-term 2** | | |
| **14** | **Sun.,**  **Apr. 24** | **17/7/1437** | Cross-cultural communication  Target language cultures vs. Arabic culture  (Physical Space in communication- Time in communication- Paralanguage- Speech acts) | | |
| **15** | **Sun.,**  **May 1** | **24/7/1437** | COLT’S ORAL EXAMS WEEK | | |
| **Sun., May 8 – Thurs., May 26** | | | EXAMS | | |
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| **Summer Break (Students)** | | | Thurs., May 26th – Sun. Sep., 9th | | |
| **Summer Break (Staff)** | | | End of Mon., May 30th – Wed., Aug. 10th | | |