**Eng 420- Language Testing**

**Syllabus and course description**

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**Section**: 23491

**Course textbook**: Hughes, Arthur. **Testing for Language Teachers**, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003

**Twasol SMS group code:**

***Course Description:*** In this course, students are introduced to various techniques of evaluating the performance of foreign language learners in the four skills as well as their command of sound and grammatical systems of English and of its vocabulary. Different types of tests (achievement, proficiency, aptitude and diagnostics) are briefly discussed too.

***Courses Objectives:*** Students should be able to:1-Explain the basics concepts and techniques in test development.

2-Develop adequate tests in four areas (vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing) at different levels.

***Course requirements:* A**ttend class regularly. If you attend less than 25% of our classes you will be no longer allowed to attend this course nor attend the final test. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact either me or another classmate to find out what you’ve missed and how can you prepare for the next class meeting**.C**ome to class on time. **I**f you are more than 10 minutes late, then you are counted as absent.Do all homework on time. **L**ate homework will receive a lower grade**. P**articipate fully in class**.T**urn off you cell phone or set it to silent in class**.M**ake up test are not allowed. **A**ttendance is must during quizzes, in-terms, and final. In case you have a medical excuse make sure that the excuse has the same date of your test**.A**ll papers are available at the website. **Y**ou are required to print out papers you want before class***. C***heck the website regularly.

***Grades weight:***

Two mid Term Tests (40%)-Project (10%)

Quiz (5%)- Portfolio (5%)- Final Exam (40 %)

***How to contact me?***

If you want to tell me something..

during my office hours that are stated above

by email (alhamid.a@gmail.com)

If you want to post your homework

Using the file holder outside my office

For important notice ,you will know by

Website, SMS

***Academic calendar***

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| Week | Activity/ content |
| 1 | introduction |
| 2 | Introduction: purpose, types of tests/testing |
| 3 | Reliability / validity+ backwash Effect+ Common testing techniques+ Stages of test construction |
| 4 | Quiz1  Testing grammar |
| 5 | Testing vocabulary |
| 6 | Testing vocabulary |
| 7 | **1st Midterm 26-10-2010** |
| 8 | Testing reading |
| 9 | **Break** |
| 10 | Testing writing |
| 11 | Testing oral ability |
| 12 | Classroom Assessment Techniques |
| 13 | **2nd Midterm 6-12-2010** |
| 14 | Current Issues in testing (CAT) |
| 15 | REVISION |