King Saud University

College of Languages & Translation

Department of European Languages & Translation

[English Language Program]

**Dictionary Skills**

**Description**

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| Course number & Code | **Najd 193** |
| Course title | **Dictionary Skills** |
| Contact hours | **2** |
| Section | 33804 + 6062 |
| -Textbook | *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, 8th Edition*  *Dictionary Skills: An Introduction*  *Use Your Dictionary*: A *Practice Book for Users of Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary* |

* **Content and objectives**

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with visual aids and symbols,

abbreviations, order of entries, and cross-references used in dictionaries. The course

focuses in particular on dictionary use and its relations to (i)- writing, e.g. alternative

spellings, inflected forms, acronyms and abbreviations, word divisions, (ii)- speaking, e.g.sounds, phonetic symbols of consonants, vowels, stress, (iii) grammar, e.g.

countable/uncountable nouns, regular/irregular noun plurals, plural occurrences,

comparative/superlative forms, etc., and (iv)- semantic information, e.g. correct

definition, meaning of phrasal and prepositional verbs, prefixes and suffixes, compounds. In addition to the use of monolingual dictionaries, the course also introduces the students to other kinds of dictionaries, such as etymological, pronouncing, and synonym dictionaries.

The course has other long-term objectives. It prepares students for the future translation courses that start at Level Six. It also provides them with some basic terms and notions that they will develop in the language and linguistics courses

* **Skills**

The course seeks to develop and foster the following skills:

Looking up words in monolingual dictionaries

Learning word pronunciation, stress, spelling, class, and meaning

Developing the attitude that there is no perfect synonymy and being aware of shades of meaning when writing, speaking, and translating

Using efficiently a bilingual dictionary

Developing caution in using a bilingual or specialized dictionary

* **Marks Distribution:**
* 1st In-Term= 25
* 2nd In-Term= 25
* Quiz= 10

-Final exam = 40

-Total = 100

-Passing mark = 60

☞Marks will be deducted for language mistakes (spelling, grammatical, and vocabulary mistakes).

**🕭**Note:- **NO Make-ups** are given for exams unless the

student has a serious problem. In this case, the student should contact the teacher before the scheduled date of the exam and presents the necessary verifications.

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