



Level: Master 1

Semester: 1

Course focus: Discourse Analysis

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Course Description

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The course of Discourse Analysis is designed with the purpose of familiarizing students with jargon related to discourse analysis. Therein, it will allow them a better grasp of the basic tenets of the discipline and the prominent proponents associated with them.

Course objectives and goals

- Understanding the circumstances leading to the emergence of discourse analysis.
- Comprehending the multidisciplinary aspect of the discipline and its repercussions on the flexibility and variation of its major tenets.
- Pinpointing areas of influence by other disciplines such as linguistics, sociology of language, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics and cognitive psychology.
- Distinguishing the different types of discourse and the classification criteria behind them.
- Recognizing the various mechanisms and phenomena underlined in discourse production and comprehension.

Class format

Online

Grading

Assessment is based on continued evaluation through assignments.

You are going to have three (03) assignments:

Assignment 1: you are going to write a review essay of a chapter.

Due date: October 23rd, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Assignment 2: you are going to write an essay discussing a quote.

Due date: November 20th, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.



Assignment 3: oral discussion.

Due date: to be set later.

Assignment template: papers are to be submitted using the assignment template provided.
Any other form is not going to be accepted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: any and all cases of PLAGIARISM are going to be met with severe sanctions.

Syllabus

1. Background
2. Definitions
3. Context
4. Types of discourse
5. Discourse production-comprehension

Requirements

In addition to the assignments mentioned above, the readings assigned are mandatory.

Prerequisites

Knowledge in linguistics, sociolinguistics, didactics and ESP.

References

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