



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
LALI-140DL	The Science of Linguistics	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
ENGL-100DL	Languages and Literature	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Required	Linguistics	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr Andry Sophocleous	1 st
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Distance Learning	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- provide students with a general overview of what language is all about and
- introduce students to main issues concerning language and language use

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Identify and explain fundamental terms and concepts in linguistics.
2. Show evidence of understanding the nature of language.
3. Identify and explain language phenomena that concern linguists and language teachers.
4. Analyze data in morphology, syntax and phonetics provided in a form of short exercises.
5. Demonstrate a basic awareness of the diverse scope of linguistics.

Course Content:

1. What is language?
2. Morphology: the words of language
 - Content and Function words
 - Morphemes
 - Roots and stems
 - Word formation

- Morphological analysis
- 3. Syntax: the sentence patterns of language
 - Sentence structure
 - Constituents
 - Syntactic categories
 - Phrase structure trees
 - UG principles and parameters
 - Sign language syntax
- 4. Phonetics: the signs of language
 - Identity of speech sounds
 - The phonetic alphabet
 - Consonants: place of articulation
 - Vowels
 - Tone and intonation
- 5. Language in Society
 - Dialects
 - Lexical differences
 - Syntactic differences

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Recorded presentations, videos, readings, forum discussions, assignment and final exam

Assessment Methods:

Assignments, assessed work, final exam, discussion in forums

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
An Introduction to Language (10th Edition)	Fromkin, Victoria, Robert Rodman and Nina Hyams	Wadsworth, Cengage Learning	2014	978-1-285-07980-6

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Linguistics: An Introduction to	Akmajian, A., Demers, R., Farmer,	MIT Press	2010	9780262289146

Language and Communication	A.K., Harnish, R.			
Language and Politics	Joseph, J. E.	Edinburgh	2006	9780748626977
On Language and Linguistics	Halliday, M. A., Webster, K., Jonathan J.	Continuum International Publishing	2003	9781847143372