

Course Specification for Discourse Analysis

College	Zulfi College of Education		
Department	English Language Department		
Course Name:	Discourse Analysis	Course Code	ENGL414
Level	8 th	Credit Hours	3hrs.
Course Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grasp the key ideas, concepts, issues, theories and approaches of Discourse Analysis and Discourse Studies. 2. Show understanding of the complexity and multi-layeredness of Discourse (the influence inherent role of power, ideology, culture, bias, etc., in shaping spoken and written discourse). 3. Gain a deep insight into the relationships between Discourse and Gender, Discourse and Identity, Discourse and Communication, Discourse and Pragmatics, etc. (be able to outline and discuss the tenets of these relationships) 4. Discuss the strong, dynamic and dialectical relationship between language and society (i.e. language it as social practice). 5. Reflect on the role of Schema (Background Knowledge Structures) in understanding and interacting with Language/Discourse. 6. Discuss the dynamics of Intertextuality in shaping and reshaping text and discourse. 7. Explain and discuss Hall's theory of the differences High-context and Low-context Cultures. 8. Distinguish between Sentence, Text and Discourse (and between Speech Community and Discourse Community). <p>Conduct a term project on an assigned or self-selected topic in Discourse Analysis.</p>		
Course Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Orientation 2. Key Concepts in Discourse Analysis 3. Discourse and Identity (traditional vs. modern concepts of identities. 4. Discourse and Gender (the three approaches: Deficit, Dominance and Difference. 5. Discourse and Culture 6. Discourse and Communication (Models of Communication: Aristotle, Jakobson and Dell Hymes). 7. Discourse and Pragmatics 8. Intertextuality and Discourse 9. Schema Theory and Background knowledge (Accretation, Tuning and Restructuring) 		

	10. Revisions, Midterm and finals
Required Textbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Johnstone, Barabara. (2018). Discourse Analysis (3rd edition). London": Wiley Blackwell.• Widdowson, H.G. (2004). Discourse Analysis. Oxford: Oxford University Press.• Paltridge, Brian. (2012). Discourse Analysis (2nd edition). London: Bloomsbury. Web-based materials collated from various sources.



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