

Courses' Descriptions

Department of Foreign Languages, Translation & Interpreting



COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	HUMANITIES		
DEPARTMENT	FOREIGN LANGUAGES, TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING		
LEVEL	Undergraduate		
COURSE CODE	YK-5100	SEMESTER	5 th
COURSE TITLE	General Linguistics and Translation I		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	ECTS
Lectures		2	2
COURSE CATEGORY	General Background		
COURSE TYPE	Compulsory		
PREREQUISITES	-		
LANGUAGE OF TEACHING AND EXAMINATIONS	Greek		
THE COURSE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	YES (In English)		
URL	https://dflti.ionio.gr/en/undergraduate-studies/courses/yk-5100/		
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2. TEACHING RESULTS

Teaching Results

Upon successful completion of the course, the students will be able to:

- To be introduced to basic linguistic theories regarding language analysis as well as language analysis of their working languages
- · To recognize the ways that language works in general as well as the ways their working languages work
- To analyze, using specific methodological tools of Corpus Linguistics, texts in their working languages in order to comprehend every possible information before they start translating them
- To be introduced to the methodology for a research assignment using Corpus Linguistics tools

General Skills

• Work in international environment

3. CONTENT

The module makes an initial attempt to introduce students to the close relationship between Linguistics and Translation through the analysis of concepts that demonstrate the contribution of the former to study of the latter and vice versa. The module offers a detailed analysis of topics such as the relationship between language and communication, the nature of language, differences between human and the ways of communication between animals, the nature of speech, languages and extralinguistic reality, language varieties and communication, language use, language material, the double articulation of language and language economy. The relationship between language and meaning, the signifying nature of language, the nature and properties of the linguistic sign, the concept of the language system, the concepts of synchrony, diachrony and dynamic synchrony are all studied. The difference between syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations is further analysed with the use of examples from various languages.

Week 1

Scope and sub-domains of Linguistics and its contribution to Translation.

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Primary functions and features of human language by comparing it with other communication systems.

Week 3

Language as an individual and social entity: style and (language) variety.

Week 4

Texture and qualities of the linguistic sign.

Week 5

Analysis of the signifié: value, polysemy, synonymy, semantic fields, hypernyms and hyponyms. Application on examples from different languages.

Week 6

Analysis of the signifiant: homography, homophony, paronymy and false friends. The signifiant formulation mechanisms. Application on examples from different languages.

Week 7

Language as a system of relationships. Paradigmatic and syntagmatic relationships. Application on examples from different languages.

Week 8

Minimal semantic units and words, or how each word usually carries more than just one information. Analysis of examples from different languages.

Week 9

Combinations of minimal semantic units: collocations, idioms and freedom of choice. Presentation of collocation table and application through exercises.

Week 10

The process of producing meaning and the role of Grammar. Different ways to express meaning from other languages.

Week 11

Evolution of language. The concepts of Synchrony, Diachrony and Dynamic Synchrony through examples of the Greek language.

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Week 12

Theoretical approaches of grammatical analysis. Comparison and review of the presented theories.

Week 13

Course recap and review of the most important course material.

4. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

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TEACHING METHOD	Face to face		
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	Use of ICT in teaching.		
TEACHING STRUCTURE	Activity Semester Workload Lectures 26 Projects 6 Literature Study and 8 Analysis Practice and Preparation 10 Course Total (ECTS: 2) 50		
EVALUATION OF STUDENTS	Students are assessed based on their participation in the teaching process and their performance during the relevant exercises throughout the term. The final assessment and grading of the course will be held by written/oral exams.		

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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