### Faculty
Mass Communication and Languages

### Department
English Language

### Programme
BA in English Language and Translation

### Course Title
*Morphology and Syntax*

### Course Code
ENCL3363

### Status
Core

### Level
3

### Credit Hours
3

### Contact Hours
3

### Pre-requisites
Applied Grammar

### Co-requisites
Nil

### Instructor
Dr Aladdin Assaiqeli

### Semester Offered
Alternate semester

### Course Synopsis
An introduction to morphology and syntax, or lexis and grammar of modern English: the structure of English words and sentence patterns, this course examines how English words and sentences are structured and understood. Drawing on a wide range of examples and exercises, pointers and reminders, tips and notes, the course covers the core areas of English morphological and syntactic structure: words, and sentences, affixation and lexicalisation or word formation processes, derivational and inflectional morphology, verbs and the verb phrase, nouns and the noun phrase, adjectives and the adjective phrase, adverbs and the adverb phrase, and minor word classes amongst others.

### Course Objectives
To enable students of English language and linguistics to:
1. become versed in the terminology and key concepts in the area of study
2. be familiar with the grammar and vocabulary of contemporary English
3. recognise word classes (parts of speech)
4. recognise the formal, functional, syntactic and semantic characteristics of word classes, as well as those that relate to subclasses within each class
5. demonstrate an understanding of how English words and sentences are structured
6. be familiar with the lexicalisation processes of most world’s languages
7. be conversant with the morphological processes of inflection and word formation of English

### Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:
1. delve into the fascinating study of the grammar and vocabulary of the English language
2. analyse the language that they hear and read in their daily lives
3. account for the most common morphological processes of the world’s languages
4. coin, should the need arise, or make new words and analyse existing ones
5. account for the various syntactic constructions of English
6. analyse simple sentences in terms of constituents and functions
7. transform simple sentences from one form into another
**Mode** | Lecture, Discussion  
---|---
**Instructional Strategies** | Content-based teaching  
| Task-based teaching  
**Course Assessment** |  
**State weightage of each type of assessment** |  
| **LO** | **Method** | **%** |  
| 1,2,3,4 | Mid-Term Exam (There will be no make-up quizzes) | 20 |  
| 1,2,3,4,6,7 | Paper/essay/presentation/class attendance | 10 |  
| 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 | Final Examination | 70 |  

**Content Outlines**

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<th>Weeks</th>
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| 1,2,3& 4 | Morphology: The Words of Language | Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., & Hyams, N. (2011) Chapter 1  
| 5,6&7 | The Sentence | Al-Quds Open University (2008).Unit 1 |  
| 8,9& 10 | Verbs and the Verb Phrase | Al-Quds Open University (2008).Unit 2 |  
| 13& 14 | Adjectives and the Adjective Phrase | Al-Quds Open University (2008).Unit 4 |  
| 16 | Minor Word Classes | Al-Quds Open University (2008).Unit 6 |  

**References**

**Required**


**Proposed Start Date (Semester)** | Sem 2, 2012/2013  
**Batch of Students to be Affected** | First  

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