

Course: ENG-324, Discourse Analysis

Credit Hours: 3

Level: 6th Semester

Course Introduction

Simply defined as 'language in use', discourse is something concerned more with 'use behind language'. With such political implications, discourses are important to comprehend and appreciate. The present course is designed for a basic level introduction to 'Discourse Analysis' as well as 'Critical Discourse Analysis' for undergraduate students. It introduces the main and most widely used approaches to discourse analysis. It aims to develop learners' critical thinking about how discourses are used in context and how they reflect and shape our world. The course draws upon students' prior understanding of basic linguistic concepts and provides learners with analytical tools and strategies to explore features of written and spoken texts.

Course Objectives

This course aims to:

- introduce discourse analysis as a method of text analysis and a research enquiry in language teaching and other contexts relevant to Applied and Socio-Linguistics
- familiarize learners with practical applications of discourse analysis techniques to real world situations
- to acquaint students with a wide variety of discourses
- To introduce learners to practical applications of critical discourse analysis techniques to real world discourses

CLO No	Course Learning Outcomes	Bloom Taxonomy
CLO 1	To understand different theoretical traditions in discourse analysis	C2 (Understand)
CLO 2	To apply different techniques of discourse analysis on data	C3 (Apply)

Course Contents

Week 1	Introduction to Discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Discourse?• Features of Discourse• Text and Discourse• Types of Discourse: Written, Spoken, Media, Political etc.
Week 2	Discourse Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Discourse Analysis?• A Short History of Discourse Analysis• Major Contributors
Week 3	Grammatical Analysis of Discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cohesion & Coherence• Cohesive Devices
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theme & Rheme• Thematic Progression
Week 5	Pragmatic Analysis of Discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language in context• Speech Act Theory• Co-operative Principles• Conversational Implicature• Politeness Theory
Week 6	Practice
Week 7	Analysis of Conversation as Discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conversation as Discourse• Structure of conversation• Analyzing a conversation
Week 8	Practice
Week 9	Mid Term
Week 10	Discourse and Ideology: Beginning Critical Discourse Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is ideology

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideology in Discourse
Week 11	Systemic Functional Linguistics: A Brief overview
Week 12	Fairclough and CDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Society • Relational-Dialectal Approach-Basics
Week 13	Van Dijk and CDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Power
Week 14	Socio-Cognitive Model- Basics
Week 15	Doing Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to conduct research • Choosing a Discourse • Choosing a perspective • Choosing a suitable method • A Tool for Analysis: choosing DA, CA or CDA
Week 16	Practice
Week 17	Students' Presentations
Week 18	End Term Exam

Recommended Books

- Alba-Juez, Laura. (2009). *Perspectives on Discourse Analysis: Theory and Practice*. Cambridge.
- Blommaert, J. (2005). *Discourse*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Bloor, M., & Bloor, T. (2007). *The practice of critical discourse analysis. An introduction*. London: Hodder Arnold.
- Caldas-Coulthard, C. R., & Coulthard, M. (Eds.). *An Introduction to Critical Discourse Analysis*. London: Continuum.
- Gee, James Paul. (1999). *An Introduction to Discourse Analysis: Theory and Method*. Routledge.
- Locke, T. (2004). *Critical Discourse Analysis*. London: Continuum.
- Paltridge, Brian. (2006). *Discourse Analysis*. London: Continuum
- Rogers, R. (Ed.). (2011). *An introduction to critical discourse analysis in education*. Second Edition. London: Routledge.
- Schiffrin, D., Tannen, D., & Hamilton, H. (Eds.). (2001). *Handbook of Discourse Analysis*. Oxford: Blackwell.

- Wodak, R., & Meyer, M. (Eds.). (2009). *Methods of critical discourse analysis*. Second revised edition. London: Sage