

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SCIENCES

COURSE SYNOPSIS

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION (SSHF 0314)

This course is the common core course for the Social Sciences and Humanities module. Students will learn the basic concepts in communication such as types, elements, and principles. It also highlights the specialisations and careers in the discipline. It also designed to provide students with both theoretical and practical aspects of communication. The students will be equipped to become an effective communicator.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY (HSSF 0314)

This course provides a general understanding of human beings and society and their culture. The course approaches the study of human beings and society from two different disciplines; Anthropology and Sociology. In anthropology, human beings will be studied through various methods and approaches in understanding their relationship with the society. Sociology, then, will be studied in terms of the development of the discipline itself as a sub discipline of social science. Being the basic course of both sociology and anthropology, the course attempts to discuss both major theories in understanding culture and society. The course will provide some principles of sociological and anthropological understanding that can be analysed from the Islamic perspective. Finally, the students will be equipped to become well-functioning members of society.

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE (HSSF 0334)

The course provides students with basic understanding of the discipline of Political Science from western and Islamic perspectives. It will survey the issues in subfields of political science disciplines, such as comparative politics, political theory, international relations and public administration. As a foundational course, it will focus on basic concepts in political science, study of discipline's selected thinkers and analysis of socio-political phenomena in the context of contemporary politics. Topics such as state, government, political parties, political system, pressure group, and bureaucracy will also be highlighted. The course will also help students to understand the basic structures of the political system that they are living in and produce good citizens of a country.

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY (HSSF 0344)

This course provides students with the basic concepts, principles and theories of the science of psychology. It exposes students to core topics such as the biological, social and Islamic perspectives, sensation, perception, consciousness, learning, memory, cognition, lifespan development, motivation, emotion, personality and psychological disorders. Students are also taught to relate these psychological concepts, theories, and principles to daily lives which is essential for students' process to internalize the course. The course will enable students to explain and use psychological concepts to respond appropriately to issues in their lives.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY (HSSF 0314)

This course introduces students to basic concepts in the field of history and civilisation (CLO1). Throughout the course activities and assessments, students will be able to understand the importance of history in their daily life, improve their skills in historical research and critically analyse all sources of information that are available to them (CLO2). Moreover, students will also learn about what causes the rise of Islamic civilisation and how it contributes to the growth of Western civilization during the Renaissance period (CLO3). At the end of the course, students are nurtured to become ethical, critical and well-informed members of society.

AL-NAḤW WA AL-ŞARF (AISF 0314)

This course helps students to enhance their Arabic grammar and morphology for basic communication. It equips students with basic grammar and morphological features. These include conjugations, word derivations and verbal nouns, construction of basic sentences in Arabic as well as to enrich their vocabulary. The course also exposes students to grammatical analyses through various Arabic texts. As a result of learning this course, students will be able to construct sentences with correct grammar and morphology in academic writing.

MAHĀRĀT AL-KITĀBAH (HSAF 0334)

The course empowers students with writing skills for functional purposes, such as resume writing, job application, absence requests, and other official letters as well as personal letters for friends and families. It also includes advertisements and short descriptive articles writing. It emphasizes the correct ways for writing "Al- Hamazāt" and punctuation marks. As a result of learning this course, students will be able to produce a quality academic writing.

MAHĀRĀT AL-QIRĀ' AH (HSAF 0344)

The course helps students to enrich their Arabic vocabulary in order to understand Arabic texts. It also helps them to understand the Arabic language learning strategies and how Arabic language used in different settings and exposes them to historical, cultural, and Islamic issues. From learning this course, students will be able to read and comprehend varieties of Arabic texts.

AL-ADAB AL-' ARABĪ (HSAF 0354)

This course is intended for Arabic language beginners to acquire basic knowledge of Arabic literature. It covers all basic components of Arabic literature in two genres: poetry and prose, and their main elements and characteristics. This course provides students with samples of Arabic literary texts for analysis. As a result, students will be able to enhance their ability in reading and comprehending any Arabic literary texts.

INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (HSEF 0314)

This course will enable English major students to be introduced to the micro-linguistics elements in language structure. The course content includes topics such as Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Word Formation, Grammar, Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics. This course will enable students to use linguistics concepts within the course content to break down language into its micro-linguistics elements.

READING & ANALYSING POETRY (HSEF 0324)

This course focuses on the study of poetry; highlighting the historical aspects and the key elements of poetry as a literary genre. In principle, the subject focuses on guiding students in conducting critical analyses of poetry. Ultimately, this course is designed to help students to discuss and write about literature (i.e., poetry) from an academic viewpoint by applying the various concepts and key elements learnt throughout the course.

INTRODUCTION TO DRAMA & FICTION (HSEF 0344)

This course combines the study of drama and fiction; highlighting the historical aspects and the key elements of drama and fiction as literary genres. In principle, the subject focuses on guiding students in conducting critical analyses of dramatic and fictional texts. Ultimately, this course is designed to help students to discuss and write about literature (i.e., drama and fiction) from an academic viewpoint by applying the various concepts and key elements learnt throughout the course.

INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED LINGUISTICS (HSEF 0354)

This course will enable English major students to understand the different sub-disciplines of applied linguistics through the exposure on the basic concepts and theories of applied linguistics. The course content includes topics such as Origins of Language, Discourse Analysis, Neurolinguistics, Language Acquisition, Gestures and Sign Language, Written Language, Historical Linguistics and Sociolinguistics. By learning this course, students will be able to analyse the various linguistics concepts and theories within the course content.