**INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

‘Introduction to Linguistics’ is an annual course which aims to introduce second-year students to the field of linguistics and its main branches. Specifically, the course intends to:

* Introduce the students to the basic properties of human language.
* Acquaint the students with the main technical terms and concepts related to language study and analysis.
* Enable the students to carry simple phonological, morphological, and syntactic linguistic analyses.
* Introduce them to the basic psychological and sociological factors affecting language acquisition and use.

**Course textbook**

Yule, G. (2014). *The study of language* (fifth edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**Course contents**

*1. What is linguistics?*

1.1. Definition

1.2. History of linguistics

1.3. Branches of linguistics

*2. The origins of language*

*3. The properties of language*

3.1. Animals and human language

3.2. The properties of human language

*4. Language structure*

4.1. Phonology

4.2. Morphology

4.3. Syntax

*5. Semantics and Pragmatics*

*6. Language acquisition*

5.1. Stages of language acquisition

5.2. Theories of language acquisition

*7. Language, society and culture*

6.1. Language varieties

6.2. Social class, age, gender and language.

**Evaluation**

Students will sit for a final exam at the end of each semester.