

*In the Name of God*  
Sharif University of Technology  
Department of Languages and Linguistics

**Syllabus for an M.A. Course in  
Discourse Analysis and Interlanguage Pragmatics  
Fall 2013/1392(1)**

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**Class Meeting Time:** Saturday,10-12  
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**Course Description:**

In this course you will get a working knowledge of basic principles of discourse analysis and interlanguage pragmatics which can be used in both language education and research.

**Course Objectives:**

1. To get familiar with important issues in discourse and pragmatic studies.
2. To develop a basic knowledge of approaches to the study of discourse and interlanguage pragmatics.
3. To develop the ability to (critically) analyze different types of discourses and ELT materials from various perspectives.

**Course Assessment:**

1. Class participation (critical comments) 5%
2. Weekly assignments (two presentations and reports) 25%
3. Term project (data collection and one paper on discourse/pragmatics) 30%
4. Final exam 40%

## Course Schedule:

<b>Session</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>
1	<b>Introduction of the course and syllabus</b>	
2	<b>The Scope of Discourse Analysis</b>	<b>*Widdowson (2007: 3-10)</b>
3	<b>Links in Discourse: Cohesion and Coherence</b>	<b>*Widdowson (2007: 41-51)</b>
4	<b>Maxims of Conversation and Politeness</b> <i>paper reports on cohesion</i>	<b>*Widdowson (2007: 27-40 &amp; 53-65)</b>
5	<b>Genre Analysis and Written Discourse Analysis</b> <i>paper reports on politeness</i>	<b>*Widdowson (2007: 77-83)</b>
6	<b>Conversational Discourse Analysis</b> <i>paper reports on written discourse</i>	<b>*Cook (1989: 59-67)</b> <b>Alemi (2012:93-121)</b>
7	<b>Critical Discourse Analysis</b> <i>paper reports on conversation analysis</i>	<b>*Widdowson (2007: 67-75)</b>
8	<b>Research Methodology in Discourse Analysis</b> <i>paper reports on CDA</i>	<b>*Cameron (2001: 19-30)</b> <b>Paltridge (2006: 199-220)</b>
9	<b>Term Project and Data Collection Reports</b> <b>Issues in Interlanguage Pragmatics</b>	<b>*Soler &amp; Martinez-Flor (2008: 3-21)</b>
10	<b>Factors affecting L2 Pragmatic Development</b> <i>paper reports on ILP</i>	<b>*Kasper and Rose (2002: 237-273 &amp; 275-303)</b>
11	<b>Assessment of Pragmatics Competence</b> <i>paper reports on ILP</i>	<b>*Yamashita (2008: 201-223)</b> <b>Alemi(2013)</b>
12	<b>Delivering the draft of term Project</b>	

## **Required Readings:**

Alemi, M. (2012). L2 Learners' Use of Metadiscourse Markers in Online Discussion Forums. *ILT*, 1(1), 93-123.

Alemi, M. (2013). Pragmatic Rating of L2 Refusal: Criteria of Native and Non-native English Teachers. TESL, Canada, forthcoming.

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Spolsky, B. (1998). *Sociolinguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Tajeddin, Z. (2007). Pragmatic competence: A meta-analytic account of current issues and research into its acquisition and instruction. *Quarterly Journal of Language and Literature* 32, 5-26.

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Yule, G. (1996). *Pragmatics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.