

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Course and Instructor Information

Course Title	Machine Translation	Course code	ENG 391
Course Instructor	Name		
	College	College of Arabic Language and Social Studies	
	Office Number		
	Email		
	Office Hours		

2. Course Objective

To familiarize students with machine translation by explaining its theories and approaches, and to introduce students to a variety of machine translation methodologies which ultimately will assist them in their practice of translation in general.



3. Topics to be covered

No.	Topic	No. of weeks	Contact Hours
1	Introduction to machine translation.	1	3
2	. Aims, needs, and state of the art of machine translation.	2	6
3	Theory and Approaches for MT	3	9
4	Discussion of : Pre-editing: Marking of input texts (e.g. proper nouns, phrase boundaries, disambiguation, etc.)	3	9
5	Introduction to SDL trados and CAT tools	1	3
6	The Future of Machine Translation	2	6
7	Presentation of various free automatic translation tools on web and evaluation of results.	2	6
8	Samples of Google/Systran translation	1	3

4. Prescribed textbook

Nirenburg, Sergei (ed.) (1987) "Machine Translation: Theoretical and Methodological Issues",

5. Assessment

No.	Assessment task	Week due	Proportion of total assessment
1	Participation	All along	5 %
2	Project	5	10 %
3	Quizzes	7	15 %
4	Midterm Exam	10	20 %
5	Final Exam	16	50 %