LING6040 - Language Testing & Evaluation
Course Outline

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Semester   1 - 2005

Unit Weighting   10

Teaching Methods   Lecture

Brief Course Description
The course focuses on current theories of Language Testing within contemporary Applied Linguistics, and will provide students with essential knowledge and practical skills in the area of language test design and administration, and evaluation of language proficiency.

Contact Hours   Lecture for 2 Hours per Week for 13 Weeks
(or equivalent by distance mode)

Learning Materials/Texts   Information enclosed

Course Objectives
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate:
1. An understanding of central concepts and issues in language testing, such as basic types of language tests (and their specific features).
2. An understanding of central concepts and issues in evaluation of language proficiency.
3. An understanding of basic aspects of test construction and validation.
4. An ability to design and administer language tests.

Course Content
Topics to be covered include:
. Types of language testing techniques
. Principles of language test construction
. Principles of language test validation
. Methods for analysing and interpreting test results
. Assessment and evaluation of language proficiency

Assessment Items

Essays / Written Assignments	Take home assignments = 20% Set of test specifications (c.750-1000 words)= 20% Individual test construction project = 30% Trial administration and critical analysis of test (c.1000-1200 words) = 30%

Assumed Knowledge
Foundations of Linguistics (LING6910) or equivalent

Callaghan Campus Timetable
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Seminar	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	[MCLG34]	Also offered by Distance Education

Distance Education - Callaghan Timetable
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Dist. Learn	Monday	08:00 - 09:00		Also offered at Callaghan

Plagiarism

University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. A student plagiarises if he or she presents the thoughts or works of another as one's own. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

· copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;

· using another's ideas without due acknowledgment;

· working with others without permission and presenting the resulting work as though it was completed independently.

Plagiarism is not only related to written works, but also to material such as data, images, music, formulae, websites and computer programs.

Aiding another student to plagiarise is also a violation of the Plagiarism Policy and may invoke a penalty.

For further information on the University policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity at the following link -
http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/general/academic_integrity_policy_new.html

The University has established a software plagiarism detection system called Turnitin. When you submit assessment items please be aware that for the purpose of assessing any assessment item the University may -

· Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or
· Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).
· Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking

Written Assessment Items

Students may be required to provide written assessment items in electronic form as well as hard copy.

Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date, as advised in the Course Outline, unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension of time for submission of the item. University policy is that an assessment item submitted after the due date, without an approved extension, will be penalised.

Any student:

1. who is applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment: or

2. whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment;

must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, to the appropriate officer on the prescribed form.

Please go to the Policy and the on-line form for further information, particulary for information on the options available to you, at:

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/adm_prog/special_consid.htm

Changing your Enrolment

The last dates to withdraw without financial or academic penalty (called the HECS Census Dates) are:

For semester 1 courses: 31 March 2005

For semester 2 courses: 31 August 2005

For Trimester 1 courses: 18 February 2005

For Trimester 2 courses: 10 June 2005

For Trimester 3 courses: 23 September 2005.

Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of semester and prior to the commencement of the formal exam period. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of semester will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of semester/trimester, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of semester/trimester must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with the School Office.

To change your enrolment online, please refer to

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enrolment/change-enrol.html

Contact Details

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Faculty of Science and Information Technology
Room V19 (Mathematics Building) Phone: 0249 215 562

The Faculty of Education and Arts
Room: GP1-22 (General Purpose Building) Phone: 0249 215 314

The Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment
Room: EF101 (EF Building) Phone: 0249 216 065

Architecture and Built Environment
Room: A106 (Architecture Building) Phone: 0249 215 782

The Faculty of Health
Level 1 (Bowman Building) Phone: 0249 215 682

The Faculty of Business and Law
Room: SRS130 (Social Sciences Building) Phone: 0249 215 983

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Various services are offered by the University Student Support Unit:

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/intranet/student/support-services/index.html

Alteration of this Course Outline

No change to this course outline will be permitted after the end of the second week of the term except in exceptional circumstances and with Head of School approval. Students will be notified in advance of any approved changes to this outline.

Web Address for Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards
http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/cw_ugrad/awards.htm

Web Address for Rules Governing Postgraduate Academic Awards

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/cw_pgrad/cppcrule.htm

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS

The University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness.

If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies, please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.

Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register please contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 49 21 5766, or via email at: **student-disability@newcastle.edu.au**.

As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester.

For more information related to confidentiality and documentation please visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website at:

www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability