

Cross Cultural Communication in the Middle East

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Texts

Wierzbicka, A. (2003). *Cross-Cultural pragmatics: The semantics of human interaction*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. (Required text)

Scollon, R., & Scollon, S.W. (2001). *Intercultural communication: A discourse approach*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell. (Optional text)

Course requirements

Daily readings, short quiz, presentations, and research paper.

Grading

Quizzes on theoretical definitions of pragmatics. (15%)

Individual presentations of articles from the readings. (25%)

Attendance and class participation (10%)

Group or individual research project and presentation of findings focusing on one or more speech acts. (50%)

The final grade is calculated by dividing the total grade from the grading system (see above) into four.

Average Grade	Letter Grade	Average Grade	Letter Grade
93-100	A	73-75	C
89-92	A-	69-72	C-
86-88	B+	66-68	D+
83-85	B	63-65	D
79-82	B-	60-62	D-
76-78	C+	59 and below	F

Course outline

Date	Topic	Reading from textbook	Additional readings
July 11	Introduction		
July 12		Chapter 1	<u>McCarthy</u> (2008)
July 13		Chapter 2	<u>Blum-Kulka</u> (2005), <u>Brumark</u> (2006)
July 14			<u>Nureddeen</u> (2008)
July 15			<u>Bataineh & Bataineh</u> (2008)
July 18	Quiz definitions from Yule		
July 19		Chapter 3	<u>Rundquist</u> (1992)
July 20	Research methodologies	Chapters by <u>Cohen</u> , <u>Houck & Gass</u> , and <u>Beebe & Cummins</u> in <u>Gass and Nue</u>	<u>Marti</u> (2006)
July 21		Chapter 4	<u>Farghai & Haggan</u> (2006)
July 22	Self Study (work on final project)		
July 25	Self Study (work on final project)		
July 26			<u>Spencer-Oatey, Ng, & Dong</u> (2000)
July 27		Chapter 5	<u>Holtgraves</u> (2005)
July 28			<u>Zarankin & Wall</u> (2007)
July 29	Politeness in the digital age		http://www.slate.com/id/2292304/ http://www.slate.com/id/2294157/
Aug 1			http://www.slate.com/id/2296818/
Aug 2		Chapter 6	<u>Liebes and Blum Kulka</u> (2004)

		<u>Hobbs (2003)</u>
Aug 3	Chapter 8	<u>Katriel (1987)</u>
Aug 4		<u>Blum-Kulka, Huck-Taglicht,</u>
Aug 5	Chapter 10	<u>Avni (2004)</u>
Aug 8		<u>Farghal (1992))</u>
Aug 9		
Aug 10	Final presentations	
Aug 11	Final presentations	
Aug 12	Final presentations	

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By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, I will give an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

I encourage you to check your email on a regular basis, since I will be communicating with you throughout the semester via email.

Have fun!