

Cross Cultural Communication in the Middle East

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Texts

Cutting, J. (2009). *Pragmatics and Discourse, A resource book for students*. 2nd edition, NYC, Routledge.
Yule, G. (2008). *Pragmatics (Oxford introduction to language studies)*. NYC, Oxford University Press.
Wierzbicka, A. (2003). *Cross-Cultural pragmatics: The semantics of human interaction*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Course requirements

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

Grading

Quizzes (20%)

Individual presentations of articles from the readings. (20%)

Attendance and class participation (15%)

Literature review for final paper (20%)

Group or individual research project presentation of findings focusing on one or more speech acts. (10%)

Final paper (15%)

Important Dates:

January 13	Classes begin
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday
January 29	Twelfth class day
March 10-15	Spring Break
April 14-16	Passover, no class
May 2	Last class day

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 textbooks	Additional readings
Jan 13	Introduction		
Jan 15		Wierzbicka ch. 1	
Jan 17		Cutting ch. A (p.1-65)	
Jan 20	MLK Day no classes		
Jan 22	Quiz definitions from Yule		
Jan 24		Wierzbicka ch. 3	<u>McCarthy</u> (2008)
Jan 27			
Jan 29			<u>Blum-Kulka</u> (2005)
Jan 31		Cuttings ch. B	<u>Brumark</u> (2006)
Feb 3			<u>Nureddeen</u> (2008)
Feb 5			<u>Bataineh & Bataineh</u> (2008)
Feb 7			<u>Rundquist</u> (1992)

Feb 10			<u>Marti (2006)</u>
Feb 12	Research methodologies	Chapters by <u>Cohen, Houck & Gass</u> , and <u>Beebe & Cummins</u> in <u>Gass and Nue</u>	
Feb 14			
Feb 17		Cutting ch. C	<u>Farghai & Haggan (2006)</u>
Feb 19	Meetings with Dr. Raz on final project		
Feb 21	Meetings with Dr. Raz on final project		
Feb 24	Meetings with Dr. Raz on final project		
Feb 26			
Feb 28			<u>Spencer-Oatey, Ng, & Dong (2000)</u>
March 3	Quiz		
March 5		Wierzbicka ch. 4	
March 7	Literature review due		
March 10-14	Spring Break		
March 17			<u>Holtgraves (2005)</u>
March 19			<u>Zarankin & Wall (2007)</u>

March 21		Wierzbicka ch. 5
March 24		<u>Liebes and Blum Kulka</u> (2004)
March 26		Cudding ch.D <u>Hobbs</u> (2003)
March 28		
March 31		Wierzbicka ch. 8
Apr 2		<u>Katriel</u> (1987)
Apr 4		
Apr 7		<u>Blum-Kulka, Huck-Taglicht, Avni</u> (2004)
Apr 9	Quiz	
Apr 11		
Apr 14	Passover No class	
Apr 16	Passover No class	
Apr 18		<u>Farghal</u> (1992)
Apr 21		
Apr 23		

Apr 25 **Final Presentations**

Apr 28 **Final Presentations**

Apr 30 **Final Presentations**

May 2 **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!