



**Jordan University of Science and Technology**  
**Faculty of Science & Arts**  
**English Language & Linguistics Department**

ENG792 Historical-Comparative Linguistics

First Semester 2023-2024

**Course Catalog**

3 Credit Hours. This course is mainly concerned with language change. Therefore, it focuses on the historical perspective in terms of the way human languages change over time. In particular, different aspects of language changes are explored; this includes phonological, morphological, syntactic, and lexical & semantic changes. It further explores the genetic relationships that hold between human languages for the purpose of identifying language families and establishing methods of comparative reconstruction.

**Text Book**

<b>Title</b>	Trask's Historical Linguistics
<b>Author(s)</b>	Robert Miller
<b>Edition</b>	3rd Edition
<b>Short Name</b>	Ref 1
<b>Other Information</b>	

**Course References**

Short name	Book name	Author(s)	Edition	Other Information
Ref 2	Historical Linguistics	Lyle Campbell	3rd Edition	

**Instructor**

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<b>Class Schedule &amp; Room</b>
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Section 1:  
 Lecture Time: Sun : 14:30 - 16:30  
 Room: NG57

<b>Tentative List of Topics Covered</b>
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Weeks	Topic	References
Week 1	Introduction	
Week 2	The fact of language change	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Weeks 3, 4	Lexical and semantic change	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Weeks 5, 6	Phonological change I	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Weeks 7, 8	Phonological change II	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Weeks 9, 10	Morphological change	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Weeks 11, 12	Syntactic change	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Weeks 13, 14	Relatedness between languages	From <b>Ref 1</b>
Week 15	Wrap up	

<b>Relationship to Program Student Outcomes (Out of 100%)</b>				
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CLO 1	CLO 2	CLO 3	CLO 4	CLO 5

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