



ENG 671 Discourse Analysis

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2024
01W 81190

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Zoom Meeting ID: 645 861 9518

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required

Discourse Analysis. 4th Edition

by Barbara Johnstone and Jennifer Andrus

ISBN-10 1394185162

ISBN-13 978-1394185160

Conversation Analysis (Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics) Reprint Edition

by Rebecca Cliff

ISBN-10 0521157196

ISBN-13 978-0521157193

Software Required: access to internet; **Zoom. <https://tamuc.zoom.us/j/6458619518>**

Optional Texts and/or Materials: none

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Course Description

Discourse analysis is a review of Discourse and Conversation analysis, including multimodality.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will be an active and engaged participant in discussions by analyzing, constructing and evaluating information presented within the textbooks and class activities.
2. The student will understand and be able to discuss, evaluate, and critique the current issue and ideas discussed in DA and CA
3. The student will be able to perform a DA/CA analysis of an interaction and/or text.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system, using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, using presentation and graphics programs, etc.

Instructional Methods

You must have read the relevant chapter in the book by the week of the discussion.

The class is organized like a seminar. There will be a live session online, but attendance is optional. Participation and assessment of the student progress will take place in the discussion sessions in the LMS (a.k.a. Q&A). Each week is assessed separately.

You must post 2 contributions to the week's Q&A. You may post questions about the lecture/contents of the book or answer other students questions. Obviously you may post more than 2 Q&A, if you want. The Q&A period opens Monday at 0:01 AM CST and closes Friday at 11:30 pm CST. You cannot post in the Q&A after that time.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

- Students will be responsible for **familiarizing themselves with the syllabus and all course instructions** found in the online course platform
- Students will be responsible for reading all materials
- Students will be responsible for completing and submitting all assignments online
- Students will be responsible for contacting the professor via the Virtual office or email regarding questions on assignments PRIOR to the due date
- **You must log on several times every week. You cannot do well in the class if you do not log on multiple times and/or post in the Q&A/discussion.**

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GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Assessments

Q&A/Discussion (includes participation) 13 x 4 = 52 points

Final project: 1 x 48 = 48 points

Class participation includes posting, reading other students posts, and contacts with the instructor. Instructions on the final project are available in the LMS.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

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You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

You can contact the instructor via email anytime. I will respond within one working day, but usually much faster. If you call the phone number listed in the syllabus the department secretary sends me an email, so it's faster to email me. You can always ask me for a conference (Zoom or Skype). If you do so, give me some options when you are available.

I interact with more than 250 students every year. ***I do not remember which class you are in. Please put in the body of your email which course you are asking about.*** If you email me from the LMS it does so automatically.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Attendance is mandatory in the f2f section (this is a graduate course!). Late Work may be arranged PRIOR to the deadline. Late work AFTER the deadline is not allowed, except for extenuating circumstances. Missed Exams and Quizzes and Extra Credit cannot be made up, unless prior arrangements have been made, except for extenuating circumstances

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Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

[http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/
studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url: [http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/
rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf)

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Use of AI in the course

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Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course. Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed. In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

According to the above statement, **use of AI tools is strictly forbidden in this class.**

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week/ Unit			Readings	
1	Aug 26 – Aug 30		No class	
2	Sept 3-6	Sept 2 Labor day	JA ch 1	Q&A 1
3	Sept 9 – 13		JA ch 2	Q&A 2
4	Sept 16 – 20		JA ch 3-4	Q&A 3
5	Sept 23 – 27	Ampra conference Sept 26-28	JA ch 5	Q&A 4
6	Sept 30 – Oct 4		JA ch 6	Q&A 5
7	Oct 7 – 11		JA ch 7	Q&A 6
8	Oct 14 – 18		C ch 1	Q&A 7
9	Oct 21 – 25		C ch 2	Q&A 8
10	Oct 28 – Nov 1	Metroplex conf. Nov 1	C ch 3	Q&A 9
11	Nov 4 – Nov 8		C ch 4	Q&A 10
12	Nov 11 – Nov 15		C ch 5	Q&A 11
13	Nov 18 - Nov 22	ArkTESOL Nov 18	C ch 6	Q&A 12
14	Nov 25 – Nov 29	Thanksgiving Break Nov 28–29	no class	
15	Dec 2 – Dec 6		ch 7-8	Q&A 13
Finals week	Dec 9 – 13	Dec 13 Graduation	Final project due Dec 9 at 11:30 PM CST	
			JA = Johnstone & Andrus; C = Clift	

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