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COURSE BROCHURE

Linguistic Structure Analysis For Language Professionals Training

Communication Studies and Language / Communication Studies

Unit Standard 116796 · NQF Level 7 · 15 Credits · 12 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips language professionals with advanced skills to analyze the structural components of language, including syntax, morphology, and phonology. Participants will learn to apply theoretical frameworks to practical language analysis, enhancing their ability to work with linguistic data in professional contexts such as translation, editing, and language teaching.

Category	Communication Studies and Language
Subfield	Communication Studies
Unit Standard	116796
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 7 · 15 Credits
Duration	12 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply theoretical models of syntax to analyze sentence structures in English and other languages.
- Analyze morphological patterns to identify word formation processes and their functions.
- Evaluate phonological systems and their role in language structure and variation.
- Design linguistic analyses for specific professional contexts, such as translation or language teaching.
- Demonstrate the ability to critically assess linguistic data using appropriate analytical tools.
- Implement structural analysis techniques to improve language-related outputs in professional settings.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Language professionals, including translators, editors, linguists, and language educators, who seek to deepen their understanding of linguistic structure and apply analytical techniques in their work.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Linguistic Structure Analysis

- Overview of linguistics as a science
- Levels of linguistic analysis
- The concept of grammaticality and acceptability
- Introduction to descriptive vs. prescriptive grammar
- Applications for language professionals in South Africa

Day 2: Phonetics and Phonology

- Speech organs and sound production
- Consonants and vowels: articulation and classification
- IPA symbols and transcription practice
- Phonemes, allophones, and minimal pairs
- Phonological rules and processes
- Suprasegmentals: stress, tone, and intonation

Day 3: Morphology

- Morphemes: types and classification
- Inflectional vs. derivational morphology
- Word formation: affixation, reduplication, borrowing
- Morphological typology: isolating, agglutinative, fusional
- Practical analysis of isiZulu noun class system
- Morphological parsing exercises

Day 4: Syntax – Phrase Structure

- Constituency tests: substitution, movement, coordination
- Phrase structure rules
- Noun phrases: determiners, modifiers, complements
- Verb phrases: auxiliaries, complements, adjuncts
- X-bar theory: specifiers, heads, complements
- Tree diagramming practice

Day 5: Syntax – Sentence Structure and Transformations

- Deep structure and surface structure
- Transformational rules: movement, insertion, deletion
- WH-questions and subject-auxiliary inversion
- Passive voice transformation
- Negative and imperative transformations
- Syntactic ambiguity and structural analysis

Day 6: Semantics – Lexical and Compositional

- Lexical relations: synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy, meronymy
- Semantic features and componential analysis
- Theta roles: agent, patient, theme, etc.
- Argument structure and predicate-argument relations
- Compositional semantics: principles of composition
- Ambiguity and entailment

Day 7: Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis

- Context and deixis
- Speech act theory: locution, illocution, perlocution
- Cooperative principle and conversational implicature
- Presupposition and entailment
- Discourse coherence: cohesive devices
- Discourse analysis of authentic texts

Day 8: Sociolinguistic Variation and Language Change

- Social dialects and sociolects
- Register, style, and jargon
- Language contact: borrowing, code-switching, pidgins
- Historical linguistics: sound change, analogy
- Language change in progress
- Implications for language policy in South Africa

Day 9: Language Acquisition and Processing

- First language acquisition: stages and processes
- Universal Grammar and parameter setting
- Second language acquisition: interlanguage, fossilisation
- Input, interaction, and output hypotheses
- Error analysis and corrective feedback
- Connectionism and usage-based approaches

Day 10: Linguistic Analysis for Translation and Interpretation

- Translation equivalence: formal vs. dynamic
- Syntactic and semantic shifts
- Pragmatic adaptation and cultural filtering
- Analysing source and target language structures
- Challenges in interpreting: modality and register
- Case studies from South African languages

Day 11: Linguistic Structure in Lexicography and Corpus Linguistics

- Lexicography: principles and practices
- Corpus design and annotation
- Frequency lists, concordances, and collocations
- Analysing word classes and subcategorisation
- Building lexical entries with syntactic information
- Case studies: African language dictionaries

Day 12: Integration and Practical Application

- Comprehensive analysis of a multilingual corpus
- Integrating phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics
- Designing a teaching or reference material
- Ethical issues: language rights, standardisation, bias
- Peer review and feedback
- Course consolidation and action planning

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **15 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 7**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 47,100.00	R 47,100.00
1	In-House	R 61,300.00	R 61,300.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 70,700.00	R 70,700.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
07 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
07 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Lagos, Nigeria
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
11 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
13 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 116796) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call **+27 12 004 8389** or WhatsApp **+27 65 077 6310** and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

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