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**Ling 3-463 Testing & Evaluation**

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

The course aims to introduce students to the field of Language Testing and Evaluation. Major topics to be discussed during the course include:

**1. INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE TESTING**

1.1. Basic Terminology - evaluation, assessment, testing &Alternative assessment

1.2. Purposes of Assessment - summative formative

1.3. Assessment in Language Teaching – test types

1.4. The Evolution of Language Testing – three generations of language tests

1.5. Principles of Language Testing

1.6. Qualities of good testing practice

**2. TESTING TECHNIQUES**

2.1. Techniques of Objective Testing

2.2. Techniques of Subjective Testing

2.3. Rating Scales: Global and Analytic - using scales for assessing written & oral production

**3. ASSESSING LANGUAGE SKILLS, VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR**

3.1. Testing Reading Skills

3.2. Testing Writing Skills

3.3. Testing Listening Skills

3.4. Testing Speaking Skills

3.5. Testing Vocabulary

**4. DESIGNING A LANGUAGE TEST**

4.1. CEFR for Assessment Purposes

4.2. Analysing EFL/ESL Public Examinations

4.3. The Assessment Cycle - A step-by-step approach to Test design

**5. ASSESSING YOUNG LEARNERS**

5.1. Exams for young learners: theoretical overview and exploration of standardized tests