

SYLLABUS

Subject Sociolinguistics (LECTURES)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to offer some introductory knowledge of the mutual interdependence of social factors (social class, geographical background, gender, age, etc.) and language varieties. Its aim is to provide students with basic sociolinguistic terms, such as accent, dialect, style, register, linguistic taboo, social distance, social stratification, conversational styles, diglossia, etc. The course covers the following topics: aesthetic judgments about languages, referential and affective function of language, linguistic relativity hypothesis and cultural beliefs reflected in the language, dialectology now and then, gender differences marked by the language, pidgins and creoles, code switching in multilingual societies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course the students are expected to have some rudimentary knowledge of the scope of sociolinguistics.

GRADING POLICY

The course does not end with the grade, merely with the signature – in order to get students take the test.

TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

Basically, no textbook is required but if the students want to broaden their knowledge they might consult (one of) the following sources:

Romaine, S. (1994) *Language in Society*. Oxford: OUP

Trudgill, P. (2000) *Sociolinguistics: an introduction to language and society*. London: Penguin books

Holmes, J. (1994) *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. London: Longman.

PREREQUISITES:

The required language level is CAE. Apart from that, the students are expected to have taken the Introduction to linguistics course.