

Course Name : Sociolinguistics							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
ELL 318	B	Spring	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	4.00
Lecturer		Indrit Lami, Msc					
Assistant							
Course language		English					
Course level		Bachelor					
Description		This course aims to inform students of the theoretical, practical and methodological issues concerning Sociolinguistics, as well as the evolution of the answers to these issues in the continues debates in the area. In this course, we will explore the ways that language creates and reflects social identities. We will look at the contextual factors—social, cultural, geographical, political, etc.—that impact language use and variation. In essence, we will learn how language shapes our world, and how we shape language itself. Sociolinguistics is the descriptive study of the effect of any and all aspects of society, including cultural norms, expectations, and context, on the way language is used, and the effects of language use on society.					
Objectives		The main objective of this course is: 1. To offer students in depth knowledge of the relation between the language and the social life and the characteristics of these relations. 2. To investigate language variation and the interplay between language and social identities, using qualitative and quantitative methods 3.To expand students knowledge as sociolinguist’s aim is to move towards a theory which provides a motivated account of the way language is used in a community, and of the choices people make when they use language. 4. To help students understand that sociolinguistics is relevant in the process of teaching and learning a foreign language as a social adjustment factor.					
Core Concepts		Sociolinguistics Dialect Varieties of English					
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Introduction 1 Knowledge of Language – Variation – Scientific Investigation – Language and Society – Sociolinguistics and the Sociology of Language – Methodological Concerns – Overview – Further Reading pp 1-23						
2	Languages and communities Languages, Dialects, and Varieties Language and Dialect – Regional Dialects – Social Dialects – Styles, Registers, and Beliefs – Further Reading pp 25-58						
3	Pidgins and Creoles Lingua Francas – Definitions – Distribution and Characteristics – Origins – From Pidgin to Creole – Further Reading pp 58-88						
4	Codes, Diglossia – Bilingualism and Multilingualism – Code-Switching – Further Reading pp 88-119						
5	Speech Communities Definitions – Intersecting Communities – Networks and Repertoires – Further Reading pp 119 - 133						
6	Language Variation Regional Variation – The Linguistic Variable – Linguistic and Social Variation – Data Collection and Analysis – Further Reading pp 135-162						
7	Some Findings and Issues An Early Study – New York City – Norwich and Reading – A Variety of Studies – Belfast – Controversies – Further Reading pp 162-191						
8	Midterm Change The Traditional View – Changes in Progress – The Process of Change – Further Reading pp 191-219						

9	Words and Culture Whorf – Kinship – Taxonomies – Color – Prototypes – Taboo and Euphemism – Further Reading pp 221-242
10	Ethnographies Varieties of Talk – The Ethnography of Speaking – Ethnomethodology – Further Reading pp 242-260
11	Solidarity and Politeness Tu and Vous – Address Terms – Politeness – Further Reading pp 260-284
12	Talk and Action Speech Acts – Cooperation – Conversation – Further Reading pp 284-313
13	Gender Differences – Possible Explanations – Further Reading pp 315-335
14	Disadvantage Codes Again – African American Vernacular English – Consequences for Education – Further Reading pp 335-356
15	Planning Issues – A Variety of Situations – Further Examples – Winners and Losers – Further Reading pp 356-383
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.
Literature	• Ronald_Wardhaugh]_An_Introduction_to_Sociolinguistics- BLACKWELL PUBLISHING 2006
References	• Ronald_Wardhaugh]_An_Introduction_to_Sociolinguistics- BLACKWELL PUBLISHING 2006
Course Outcome	
1	Students should finish this course with an understanding of: the scope of sociolinguistics and its relationship to other linguistic subdisciplines and other academic fields
2	Students will be able to understand the relationship between language and social issues
3	Students will be able to understand the influence of the social status in the language usage and vice-verse.
4	Students will be able to critically think upon the language and culture transformation

Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies	Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms	1	40	
Quizzes	0	0	
Projects	0	0	
Term Projects	0	0	
Laboratory	0	0	
Class Participation	1	10	
Total in-term evaluation percent			50
Final exam percent			50
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	3	48
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	3	42
Duties	0	0	0
Midterms	1	2	2
Final Exam	1	3	3
Other	5	1	5
Total Work Load			100
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			4.00
ECTS			4.00