

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: LALI-170 Language and Identity

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LALI-170	Language and Identity	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	ENGL-101, LALI-140
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

This course explores how our personal identity is reflected in the language we use, and how language influences our perceptions of ourselves and others. We examine issues relating to official and minority languages, community language maintenance and use, language choice in multilingual settings, language and gender, age, race and power. We also explore how identity is constructed and reconstructed in conversation. A variety of studies will be considered from different European languages.

### Prerequisites

ENGL-101, LALI-140

### Topic Areas

1. The relationship between language and identity
2. The role of language in a variety of social settings
3. The use of code-switching in conversation
4. Language and Gender
5. Language and Age
6. Language choice in multilingual settings
7. Speakers' language attitudes towards standard and non-standard varieties
8. Language and Power
9. Community language/dialect maintenance and use
10. Critical Discourse Analysis

### Readings and Resources

#### Required Textbook

- Milroy, L. (1995) Language and Social Networks (Language in Society, 2). 2nd edition London: Blackwell Publishers.
- Thomas, L. et al, (1999) Language, Society and Power: An Introduction. London: Routledge

#### Recommended Reading

- Harris, R. (ed.) Rampton, B. The Language, Ethnicity and Race Reader. London: Routledge, 2003

- Fishman, J. (ed.) *Handbook of Language and Ethnic Identity*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Fairclough, N. *Language and Power (Language in Social Life)* 1st edition, Pearson ESL, 2001
- Trudgill, P. *Sociolinguistics: An Introduction to Language and Society*. London: Penguin Books, 2001.
- Garrett, P. Coupland, N., and Williams, A. *Investigating Language Attitudes: Social Meanings of Dialect, Ethnicity and Performance*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2003.
- Romaine, S. *Language in Society: An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. 2nd edition Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2001.
- Gumperz, J. J. *Language and Social Identity* 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983.
- Wei, L. (ed.) *The Bilingualism Reader*. London: Routledge, 2001.
- Milroy, L. Muysken, P. (eds.) *One Speaker, Two Languages: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on Code-Switching*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- Auer, P. (ed.) *Code-Switching in Conversation: Language, Interaction and Identity*. London: Routledge, 1999.