

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LALI-370 Sociolinguistics

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LALI-370	Sociolinguistics	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	3	LALI-362 Semantics and Pragmatics
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Upper Division	English

Course Description

The following topics are included: Language, social identity and social relationships, Rules of Communication: Exchanges (setting, context, and mood), Interlocutors (class, ethnicity, gender) Speech Strategies (switching, convergence, divergence, and correction), Language Varieties: standard, non-standard, dialect, diglossia, bilingualism, Language and Inequality: ethnicity and gender, Language and Literacy: policy and education

Instructor

Dr Elli Doukanari

Course Aims and Objectives

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the area of sociolinguistics. It will provide students with an understanding of the main sociolinguistic issues that are central to area.

Teaching Methods

Facilities are available for PowerPoint lecture presentations, VCRs, Online Computers, Computer Labs. Teachers may also use a mix of lectures, tutorials, case studies, student presentations, group work, role play, literature review, analysis of research data, and field visits and have visiting specialists give lectures.

Course Teaching Hours

3 hours a week over a thirteen week semester.

Evaluation and Grading

Final exam: 40%
Midterm: 30%
Continuous: 30%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Holmes J, An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, (Longman 1992)

Romaine S, Language in Society: An introduction to Sociolinguistics (Oxford UP, 1994)

Trudgill P, Sociolinguistics: An Introduction, 3rd edition, (Penguin, 1995)

Recommended Reading

Coupland, N. and Jaworski, Sociolinguistics: a reader and course book, (Macmillan, 1997)

Fasold, R., Sociolinguistics of Language, (Blackwell, 1990)

Gumperz, J. J. and Hymes, D. (eds) Directions in sociolinguistics: The ethnography of Communication, (Holt, Reinhart and Wiston, 1972)

Holmes, J. An introduction to Sociolinguistics, (Longman, 1992)

Romaine, S., Socio-Historical Linguistics: Its Status and Methodology, (Cambridge UP, 1982)

Romaine, S., Bilingualism, (Blackwell, 1989)

Sebba, M. Contact Languages: Pidgins and Creoles, (Macmillan 1997)

Tannen, D. (ed.) Gender and Conversational Interaction, (Oxford UP 1993)

Taylor, T. J. and Cameron, D., Analyzing Conversation, (Pergamon 1987)

Trudgill, P. Sociolinguistics: An introduction to Language and Society, (Clays, 1995)