



Instructor's information:

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Course information:

Course Title	Language and Society
Course #	407
Course description	The course aims to explain how language varies according to social variables such as class, gender, ethnicity, age, and regional background. Code-switching by bilingual speakers and in multilingual situations is illustrated with reference to particular contexts. The diglossic situation of Arabic is closely examined. Language planning is exemplified in relation to specific language policies.
Course Objectives	To study the relationship between language and society by focusing on language variability and identity.
Textbook	Holmes, Janet. (2008) <i>An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, 3rd Edition</i> . England: Pearson Education Limited.
Supplementary Reading	Coulmas, Florian. (2005) <i>Sociolinguistics: The Study of Speakers' Choices</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Holmes, Janet. (1995) <i>Women, Men and Politeness</i> . London and New York: Longman Wardhaugh, R. (2010) <i>An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, 6th Edition</i> . England: Blackwell Publishers Ltd.

Methods of assessment:

Type	Distribution	Date Due	Feedback
(30%) Midterm exams	2 exams each is 15%	1 st : 8/10/2015 2 nd : 26/11/2015	Feedback is always given to students the following class. No more than 2 days after the assignment/ quiz/ midterm is administered.
(10%) In-class Assignments	3 in-class assignments given throughout the semester.	No date specified as part of the mark weight is allocated also to attendance. NO MAKE UP.	
(10%) Quizzes	2 quizzes each is 5%	1 st : 17/9/2015 2 nd : 12/11/2015 NO MAKE UP.	
(10%) Research Presentation	A presentation to be given and an outline to be submitted. Students are evaluated individually but there is a mark for teamwork.	Week 14 and 15	In the same class.
Final Exam	40%		In 3 days, maximum.

Additional notes (such as makeup policy):

Make up exams are **ONLY** for **midterms** upon providing a medical excuse. **The make-up exam is going to be held on Thursday, week 15 (8-12-2015).** Chapters included are 3, 5, 6 and 7.

Weekly Syllabus:

Week	Topic
1 23– 27/ 8	Registration Week
2 30/ 8- 3/ 9	Chapter 1: What Do Sociolinguists Study? (Linguistic and Social Variables + Social Factors + Social Dimension)
3 6 - 10/ 9	Chapter 2: Language Choice (Diglossia + Code-Switching)
4 13 - 17/ 9	Chapter 2: Language Choice (Diglossia + Code-Switching) + Quiz 1 on Thursday
Hajj Break	
5 29/9- 1/10	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties (Vernaculars, Standard Languages, Lingua Franca)
6 4-8/10	Chapter 4: Linguistic Varieties (Pidgins and Creoles) Chapter 3: Language Death, Maintenance and Revival Midterm on Thursday
7 11-15 / 10	Chapter 5: Language Planning (National and Official Languages, Planning a national official language)
8 18-22 / 10	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects (Regional Variation , Social Variation, Social Dialects)
9 25-29 / 10	Chapter 6: Regional and Social Dialects (Regional Variation , Social Variation, Social Dialects)
10 1– 5 / 11	Chapter 7: Age and Gender (Turn-Taking, Minimal Responses, Hedges, Compliments, Asking Questions, Apologising)
11 8 – 12/ 11	Chapter 7: Age and Gender (Explanation of Women's Linguistic Behaviour, Age-Graded Features) + Quiz 2 on Thursday
12 15 – 19/ 11	Chapter 10: Style, Context and Register (Addressee as an influence on style, Accommodation Theory)
13 22-26 / 11	Chapter 13: Language, Cognition and Culture (Language and Culture, Whorf Hypothesis, Perception) + Midterm on Thursday
14 29/11 - 3/ 12	Research Presentation
15 6 – 10/ 12	Research Presentation Make up on Tuesday (8-12-2015) (Chapters: 3,5,6 and 7)
16 13-17/ 12	Review Week

Ground Rules:

- 1- Attendance is a **MUST**.
- 2- Twice late is once absent. Punctuality is very important.
- 3- Participation is encouraged.
- 4- Plagiarism is **NOT** tolerated. Plagiarised papers are given a **ZERO**.
- 5- Dates of the exams and quizzes are **FIXED** and non-negotiable.
- 6- Should you need any help or have any questions, please contact me via email (24/7) or come to me during my office hours. You are totally responsible for any requirements mentioned in class.