

GENDER AND LANGUAGE (GEN ȘI LIMBAJ)

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Firmly anchored in sociolinguistics, the present course offers an exploration of the intersection between language and gender. Students will be invited to critically assess controversies and key issues regarding the interface of language, gender, and sexuality. Special emphasis will be given to translations from and comparisons between English and Romanian.

All opinions and genders most welcome! Let's talk things over.

Course topics

Gender vs sex: Debates, discussions, and translation issues (English/Romanian, Romanian/English)

An overview of gender across languages: Grammatical gender, semantic gender, and the 'genderless languages'

A focus on the history of gender in English: From grammatical to semantic gender

Are women from Venus and men from Mars? A critical overview of previous studies on gender and language

Beyond boundaries: Expressing gender-fluid identities in language (A focus on English/Romanian translations)

What are your pronouns? Discussions of and attitudes to gender-inclusive language (Comparisons between English and Romanian)

Present-day challenges for dictionaries and reference books: Gender-based epithets and gender-based stereotypes

Method of assessment:

Final test (Written, 1h)

Minimal requirements

Attendance, 50%.

Selective bibliography

Angouri, J. & J. Baxter (2021) *The Routledge Handbook of Gender and Language*. London and New York: Routledge.

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Eckert, P. & McConnell-Ginnet, S. (2013). *Language and Gender*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Pfalzgraf, F. (2024). *Public Attitudes Towards Gender-inclusive Language. A multilingual perspective*. Boston & Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

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