

Elective 3rd year
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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLINGUISTICS

The course introduces students to sociolinguistics. It covers a wide range of topics, illustrated with examples from various languages. Participants are expected to be familiar with the basic concepts of modern linguistics (phonology and syntax, in particular).

Topics

Introduction to sociolinguistics
Basic concepts of sociolinguistics
Language convergence
Code switching and code mixing
Bilingual mixed languages
Diglossia
Gender and language: gender-exclusive and gender-preferential differences
Social class and language
Ethnicity and language
Age and language
Social networks
Perceptual sociolinguistics
Accommodation theory. Audience design. Speaker design
Language change

Grading policy

Attendance 25%
Written exam 75%

Maximum number of students: 40