General Information

Course name	Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	ECTS Credits	5
		Semester	winter

Aims

Mastering the basic questions of the relationship between language and thought, language and its use in a speech community; influence of external factors upon language. Application of theoretical knowledge to specific linguistic material . Emphasis is on linguistic means of various social groups.

Contents

1-2. Language and society. Functions of language. Sociology of language. Linguistics and sociology. Social contect. Language and language community.

3. - 4. Language and dialect. Regional dialects. Accent and dialect. Standards and codification. Language varieties of English.

5. - 6. Language as an instrument of social success. Reflection of attitude and motivation in language behaviour. Substandard dialects. Language taboos.

7. - 8. Social dialects. Language as means of identification with social class, gender, profession or age group. Style, context, register. Language imperialism.

9. - 10. Language and culture. Intercultural communication. Context and culture. Verbal humour in different language communities.

11. - 12. Searching for the perfect language. Language and thinking. Linguistics as a cognitive science. The linguistic image of the world. Metaphors we live in.

13. The study of the acquisition of language. Speech perception. Language production.

Evaluation

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