



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Science & Arts
English Language & Linguistics Department

ENG702 Sociolinguistics

First Semester 2017-2018

Course Catalog

3 Credit Hours. This course critically examines the premises which underlie recent studies of the complex relationship between language and society. The focus will be on those fundamental methodological and theoretical considerations associated with the quantification and definition of linguistic and speaker variables within Labovian and other sociolinguistic paradigms.

Text Book

Title	An Introduction to Sociolinguistics
Author(s)	Ronald Wardaugh
Edition	1st Edition
Short Name	Textbook
Other Information	

Course References

Short name	Book name	Author(s)	Edition	Other Information
Ref 1	? The Sociolinguistics of Society : Intro to Sociolinguistics, Volume I	Fasold, R.	1st Edition	
Ref 2	? The Sociolinguistics of Language : Introduction to Socio, Volume II (Essential reading)	Fasold, R.	1st Edition	
Ref 3	? The Sociolinguistics Reader, Vol. 2 (Essential reading)	Trudgill, P. and Cheshire, J. (eds.)	1st Edition	
Ref 4	? Form, Function and Variation in English (Background)	Carls, Uwe and Lucko, Peter. (eds.)	1st Edition	
Ref 5	? The Handbook of Sociolinguistics (Background) Author:	Coulmas, F. (ed.)	1st Edition	

Ref 6	? Sociolinguistics and Social Theory (Background)	Coupland, N., Sarangi, S. & Candlin, C.	1st Edition
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Tentative List of Topics Covered		
Weeks	Topic	References
Week 1	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	
Week 2	Our knowledge of language, the problem of variation ..etc.	
Week 3	Language, dialects, and Varieties	
Week 4	Language variation	
Week 5	Variation studies: Some Findings and Issues	
Weeks 6, 7	Speech Communities	
Week 8	Regional and social variation	
Weeks 9, 10	Language and Culture	
Weeks 11, 12, 13	Ethnography and Ethnomethodology	
Week 14	Linguistic accommodation Audience Design Approach	

Mapping of Course Objectives to Program Student Outcomes ¹	Assessment method
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Understand the relevant tools for sociolinguistic/sociological analyses. 2. Appreciate the degree of dialect diversity apparent in speech communities world-wide. 3. Appreciate the manner in which speech communities use linguistic variables to mark a range of social indices (gender/ ethnicity/ class/ educational background, etc.) 4. Acquaint students with concepts relevant to the sociolinguistics paradigm. 5. Provide them in-depth knowledge of a selection of case studies relevant to this field of study. 6. Acquaint students with relevant fieldwork techniques and their advantages/disadvantages. 7. Appreciate the degree of linguistic diversity apparent in speech communities world-wide. 8. Acquaint students with concepts relevant to the sociology of language paradigm. [503., 505.]

Relationship to Program Student Outcomes (Out of 100%)

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