

Sociolinguistics - An Introduction

General Information

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This is a motivational course designed to provide an understanding of language with respect to its various uses and users across diverse social and cultural contexts. Readings and class discussions will provide familiarity with basic theoretical issues and illustrate how these issues to everyday social interaction through language.

Required Texts

Mesthrie, Rajend and Swann, Joan, et al. 2000. *Introducing Sociolinguistics*. John Benjamins.

Spolsky, Bernard. 1998. *Sociolinguistics*. Oxford University Press.

Both books are available at Von's Bookstore, State Street, in the Village.

Recommended References

Asher, R.E., ed. 1994. *The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Mesthrie, Rajend, ed. 2001. *Concise Encyclopedia of Sociolinguistics*. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Spolsky, B., ed. 1999. *Concise Encyclopedia of Educational Linguistics*. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Byram, M., ed. 2000. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Language Teaching and Learning*. New York: Routledge.

Other Assignments

Annotated bibliography and presentation (50%)
Journals (30%)
Class participation (20%)

Deadlines

Due dates for written assignments are firm. Late work is not normally accepted.

Grading

A = 90 - 100 B = 80 - 89 C = 70 - 79 D = 60 - 69 Failure 59 - 0

