

Course Title	Introduction to Sociolinguistics				
Faculty	Faculty for Law and Business Studies dr Lazar Vrkatic				
Study Programme	English language				
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Code		Course level	undergraduate (BA)	ECTS credits	5
Description (max. 100 words)	<p>The students are introduced with the subject matter of sociolinguistics as a linguistic discipline. The relationship between society and language is brought to focus. Students learn about the horizontal and vertical plains of language change and divergence. Language is a living and real component of humans as both biological and social beings.</p> <p>Topics include: definition of sociolinguistics, social factors, linguistic varieties, <i>Lingua Franca</i>, pidgin and creole languages, national languages, dialects and sociolects, gender and age, ethnicity, variation and change, style, register, context; language and culture.</p>				
Learning outcomes (max. 50 words)	<p>Students understand the scope and subject matter of sociolinguistics. They are able to interpret some occurrences in language and to follow contemporary sociolinguistic research and theories, such as the relationship between language and gender, culture, nation, education.</p>				
Semester	8		Maximum number of visiting students		
Language	English		Available for international students (YES or NO)	YES	