



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

ENG406 Sociolinguistics - JNQF Level: 7

First Semester 2024-2025

**Course Catalog**

3 Credit Hours. The objective of the course is to define the relationship between language and society and attempts to correlate language varieties with social, cultural, psychological, and ethnic divisions. It is on these language varieties that the course focuses. It also defines the standard language in a more general word context. Further, it deals with such topics as: language and sex; language and context; language and nation; language problems; language planning; bilingualism, language maintenance; language shift, and language attitudes.

**Teaching Method:** On Campus

**Text Book**

<b>Title</b>	An Introduction to Sociolinguistics
<b>Author(s)</b>	Janet Holmes
<b>Edition</b>	1st Edition
<b>Short Name</b>	Textbook
<b>Other Information</b>	

**Instructor**

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**Class Schedule & Room**

Section 1:  
Lecture Time: Mon, Wed : 10:00 - 11:30  
Room: M2202

Prerequisites		
Line Number	Course Name	Prerequisite Type
812820	ENG282 Phonology	Prerequisite / Pass

Tentative List of Topics Covered		
Weeks	Topic	References
Week 1	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	
Week 2	Introduction to Sociolinguistics; What does sociolinguistics study?; Language choice in multilingual communities; Code-switching and code-mixing,	
Week 3	Code-switching and code-mixing	
Week 4	Language Maintenance & Language shift	
Week 5	Language Planning	
Weeks 6, 7	Speech Communities	
Week 8	How can a minority language be maintained?; Vernacular languages	
Weeks 9, 10	Standard languages; Regional and social dialect	
Weeks 11, 12, 13	Regional and social dialect; Gender; Age; Ethnicity and social network	
Week 14	Language variation and Language change	
Weeks 15, 16	Style, Context, and Register	

Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes and NQF Outcomes	Course Outcome Weight (Out of 100%)	Assessment method
1. to study language from a social perspective; 2. to consider some of the ways in which language in society can be systematically researched and analyzed; 3. to apply some sociolinguistic concepts and frameworks of analysis to students' personal experiences of language; 4. to have an awareness of how language variation and change 5. to be Familiar with the main methods of sociolinguistic research. [1PLO 1-K1, 1PLO 2-S1, 50PLO 3- S2, 1PLO 4- S3, 50PLO 5-C1/2, 1PLO 6- C3/4] [1L7K1]	100%	

Relationship to Program Student Outcomes (Out of 100%)					
PLO 1-K1	PLO 2-S1	PLO 3- S2	PLO 4- S3	PLO 5-C1/2	PLO 6- C3/4
0.96	0.96	48.08	0.96	48.08	0.96

Relationship to NQF Outcomes (Out of 100%)	
	L7K1
	100

Evaluation	
Assessment Tool	Weight
Midterm Exam	40%
Participation	10%
Quiz	10%
Final Exam	40%

Policy	
Course Policy	You are expected to come to every class on time and with your assignments completed, prepared to participate in discussion and group work. You are allowed six absences during the semester, which you should save for illness and emergencies that prevent you from attending class.

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