



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

ENG781 Sociolinguistics
First Semester 2024-2025

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.
Teaching Method: Blended

Text Book	
Title	Intro to Sociolinguistics, Volume I (Essential reading)
Author(s)	Author: Ronald Wardhaugh
Edition	6th Edition
Short Name	1
Other Information	

Course References

Short name	Book name	Author(s)	Edition	Other Information
2	Language and Society: An Introduction	Simpson, Andrew (2019)	3rd Edition	
3	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	Janet Holmes	7th Edition	

Class Schedule & Room

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	
Week 6	Speech Communities	
Week 6	Ethnography of Speaking	
Week 7	Regional and social variation	
Week 9	Language and Culture	
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Week 10	Ethnography and Ethnomethodology	
Week 12	Ethnography and Ethnomethodology	
Week 13	Ethnography and Ethnomethodology	
Week 14	Language Change	
Week 15	Language Change	
Week 16	Revision	

Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes	Course Outcome Weight (Out of 100%)	Assessment method
Shows understanding of the basic themes and methods in the field of Sociolinguistics.	30%	
Identifies and analyses variables that can affect language use and language attitudes in a social context.	40%	
Recognizes how language diversity and variability can lead to the historical development of language	15%	
Recognizes the relationship between micro-language use and social structure and shows awareness that the language creates in the social structure.	15%	

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

Evaluation	
Assessment Tool	Weight
Midterm Exam	30%
Term paper and presentation	20%

Final Exam	50%
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Policy	
Course Policy	A student is expected to come to every class on time and with her/his assignments completed, prepared to participate in discussion and group work. You are allowed three absences during the semester, which you should save for illness and emergencies that prevent you from attending class.

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