

## **LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

**Lecturer:** DANICA ŠKARA, PhD

**Course code:** ENN 414

**DEPARTMENT:** English department

**Year/semestar:** 1/2

### **Optional**

**Course prerequisites:** Introduction to English Linguistics, Sociolinguistics

**Weeks per semestar / Hours weekly:** 15/2

### **Student's workload (ECTS) (Explain the number of credits allocated):**

3 (30hours direct contact –active participation of students, seminar paper and presenattion + 60 hours of preparation.)

### **Learning outcomes and competences:**

By the end of the course , students will have acquired an advanced knowledge of contemporary debates referring to the interrelationship of language and culture. Students will be able to make an independent research of complex cultural problems applying new scientific metohods.

### **Aims/Course description:**

In this survey of the study of language and culture we consider language as a resource to convey cultural and personal identity.

### **The following topics are to be discussed:**

- The relationship of language, culture and society (The Sapir-Whorf's hypothesis of linguistic relativity-A contemporary comment)
- Language through time: language changes, time perspective in culture
- Language variation: idiolect, dialect and styles.
- Multilingualism, diglossia and code-switching. language norms and attitudes
- Pidgins and creoles
- Endangered languages and language death
- Language in its social context: taboo words, politeness, forms of address, langauge and gender, class and race
- Non-verbal communication:gestures crossculturally, types of writing system
- Selected readings in folk-linguistics
- Teaching methods: individual research, seminars, discussions
- Examination methods/Course completion proof: attendance, reserach, seminar
- Quality assuarance methods: self evaluation, student's evaluation, instituion evaluation.

### **Literature**

a) compulsory

-N. Bonvillian (1997): Language, Culture, Communication, The Meaning of Messages, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

-J. Holmes (2001): An Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Harlow, Essex: Pearson Education Limited (Longman). (selected chapters)

-C. Kramsch (1998): Language and culture, Oxford: Oxford University Press

-Z. Salzmänn (1993): Language, Culture and Society, An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, Oxford: Westview press (selected chapters)

b) selected readings

-E. Chaika (1994): Language: The Social Mirror, Boston, Mass.: Heinle & Heinle Publishers. (selected chapters)

-A. Duranti (1997) Linguistic Anthropology, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (selected chapters)

-A. Wierzbicka (1992): Semantics, Culture, and Cognition. Universal Concepts in Culture Specific Configurations, New York, Oxford, Oxford University Press. (selected chapters)