



COURSE SYLLABUS
Introduction to Linguistics

Workload: 4 ECTS (= 40 hours); 2 ECTS Lecture (= 20 hours); 2 ECTS Seminar (= 20 hours)

Year / Semester: Year I, Semester II

Course Type: Compulsory course

Study Program: Bachelor in English Language

Code of Ethics: University of Tirana Code of Ethics (Articles 4, 6, 7, 9)

COURSE SUMMARY AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

General Learning Objectives: To equip students with basic theoretical and methodological knowledge about linguistics as a science. To introduce the main fields of linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, etc. To build an interdisciplinary understanding of the nature and function of language in biological, psychological, cultural, and social contexts.

Specific Learning Objectives:

1. To familiarize students with fundamental concepts and terms in linguistic fields and the relationships between them.
2. To understand the characteristics and functions of spoken and written language, as well as their respective advantages and disadvantages.
3. To raise awareness of the diversity of language systems and structural similarities among them.
4. To comprehend how meaning is formed and interpreted in language.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to analyze and interpret linguistic structures at the level of words, sentences, and texts.
2. They will understand the mechanisms by which language conveys meaning and how ambiguity can arise in linguistic structures.
3. They will apply knowledge about language families, historical changes, and sociocultural variations of language in practice.
4. They will master the basics of linguistic analysis that will serve as a foundation for further studies in linguistics, translation, or teaching.