



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA
FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



COURSE SYLLABUS
Sociolinguistics

Credits: 4 credits; 40 contact hours; 40 seminars
Year / Semester: Year III, Semester II
Course Type: Elective
Study Program: Bachelor in English Language
Code of Ethics: University of Tirana Code of Ethics (Articles 4, 6, 7, 9)

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

General Course Objectives: To equip students with basic knowledge of the key concepts, notions, and main approaches of sociolinguistics, including the relationships between language and society, language variation, and social influences on language. To develop students' analytical and critical skills to evaluate theories and research models, as well as to apply this knowledge in concrete analyses of linguistic phenomena in social contexts. To foster interdisciplinary awareness and practical interaction of sociolinguistics with other fields of study through discussions, presentations, and research projects.

Specific Course Objectives: The course aims for students to:

1. Understand the fundamental concepts of sociolinguistics, develop critical analysis skills of theories and research models, and increase awareness of the connection between language and society.
2. Actively participate in discussions, prepare presentations on scholarly articles, and learn to relate the topics covered to other fields of study.

Expected Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course, students will be able to:

Identify and apply basic sociolinguistic concepts in various contexts, compare theoretical approaches, analyze social factors affecting language variation, and actively contribute to academic discussions and presentations.