COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLINGUISTICS
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Leiden University College
Program(s) Leiden University College
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Linguistics
UCEAP Course Number 105
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIOLINGUISTICS
UCEAP Transcript Title SOCIOLINGUISTICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course systematically examines the social, cultural, and pragmatic factors of language in context. Having a grasp of how these factors interact in a given language and in intercultural communication is crucial to the development of mutual understanding in the global world. The course explores the concepts of language, ideology, power, and identity on a micro-interactional (family, workplace, educational, legal settings) as well as macro-interactional level (language in the public sphere, in politics and the media). Seeing that the course participants are global citizens themselves, their viewpoints, experiences and opinions are crucial to developing an understanding of communication in the globalized world. Aside from being introduced to theoretical concepts, ideas and state-of-the-art studies in the field, one of the main aims of this course is for its participants to be able to discuss and analyze language from a sociolinguistic perspective. The course discusses topics including the intricate links between language and society; the concepts related to language change and variation, politeness, and impoliteness across cultures, and language ideologies; issues concerning the sociolinguistics of globalization and intercultural communication; the role of language in various spheres of everyday life (politics, media, health and education, economy); how cultural context affects the use and the (mis)interpretation of language; communication strategies that come into play in intercultural interactions in today's globalized world; and conduct their own preliminary analysis of linguistic landscapes in their surroundings and apply the concepts presented in class with understanding the complexity of everyday language use.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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https://studiegids.universiteitleiden.nl/en/courses/110375/sociolinguistics

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Culture, History & Society

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