

COURSE DETAIL

MULTILINGUALISM

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Linguistics

UCEAP Course Number

126

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MULTILINGUALISM

UCEAP Transcript Title

MULTILINGUALISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

Multilingualism can be investigated from many perspectives such as language acquisition, sociolinguistics, cognitive linguistics and so forth. This course examines multilingualism mainly from the perspective of applied linguistics, focusing on the distinction between societal multilingualism and individual multilingualism (sometimes described as plurilingualism). It looks at some important definitions and distinctions and the idea of language choice, both at the individual level and in society, and how those choices are shaped (e.g. through official policy and planning decisions). The course touches on topics such as code-switching, heritage languages and language attrition, as well as multilingual pedagogies and assessment. This course introduces students to issues and concepts in individual and societal multilingualism and to examine situations where several languages are present in an individual's language repertoire or speech community. The course takes as its point of departure multilingual individuals and the process of becoming multilingual throughout life. It examines global, critical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the topic of multilingualism, addressing decolonization and multilingualism in the Global South amongst other topics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

LIU44004

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/slscs/handbooks/TJH-Linguistics-Module-Handbook-25...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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