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# **Course Specification of Sociolinguistics**

I.	I. Course Identification and General Information:						
1	Course Title:				Socioling	uistics	
2	Course Number & Code:	LNG 5128					
			С.Н			Total	
3	Credit hours:	Theoretical	Practical	Training	Seminar		
		3				3	
4	Study level/ semester at which this course is offered:	Semester Two					
5	Pre –requisite (if any):	Semantic and pragmatic analysis and Development of linguistic theory					
6	Co –requisite (if any):	Current issues and Current is	_	_	-	istics	
7	Program (s) in which the course is offered:	MA in Lingui	stics				
8	Language of teaching the course:	English					
9	Location of teaching the course:	Department of English, Faculty of Languages					
10	Prepared by:	Dr. Abdusala		حمد غالب اا Ll-Ghrafy (I			
11	Date of approval:						

# **II. Course description:**

This course investigates the interactions between language and society. It brings the two together, introducing students with prior training in linguistic theory to a broad array of sociolinguistic issues, including the relationship between linguistic variation and social factors like identity, region, class, gender, ethnicity and

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power, the development of pidgins and creoles, etc..

## I. Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:

#### After completing this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Show understanding of theories of language change and the central constructs, concepts, and key findings in the field of sociolinguistics;
- 2. Define and give examples of sociolinguistic terms and concepts, and identify the main factors for sociolinguistic diversity;
- 3. Apply sociolinguistics terminology and concepts to research and real-world examples
- 4. Analyzing variation of language use in different social and regional contexts;
- 5. Apply the skills of exploring to a specific sociolinguistic topic in depth, evaluating and interpreting data logically and systematically;
- 6. Work cooperatively with others, exercising personal responsibility and sensitivity;
- 7. Employ their ability to undertake independent learning, by taking initiative, being organized and meeting deadlines; and
- 8. Review the pertinent literature to find a research topic of their choice, and synthesize and critique the literature in relation to their research project.

## III. Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:

#### (A) Knowledge and Understanding: Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in: Knowledge and Understanding. **Course Intended Learning Outcomes Program Intended Learning Outcomes** (Sub-PILOs) in: Knowledge and (CILOs) in: **Understanding Knowledge and Understanding** After completing this program, students will be After completing this course, students will be able to: able to: Define the terminology and forms of **A1** a1 Define and give examples of notation used in linguistic theory. sociolinguistic terms and concepts, and identify the main factors for sociolinguistic diversity. Show understanding of the relevance **a**3 Show understanding of theories of

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of theories form and research in the fields and subfields of linguistics, and in other related disciplines. language change and the central constructs, concepts, and key findings in the field of sociolinguistics.

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■ Report writing/projects

# **Teaching And Assessment Strategies For Achieving Learning Outcomes:**

Alignment of Learning Outcomes of Knowledge and Understanding to Teaching and Assessment Strategies:

ASS	Assessment Strategies:						
	Course Intended Learning Outcomes  LOs) in Knowledge and Understanding	Teaching strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment				
After completing this course, students will be able to:		<ul><li>Interactive lectures</li><li>Independent</li></ul>	<ul><li>Quizzes</li><li>Mid-term and final</li></ul>				
a1	Define and give examples of sociolinguistic terms and concepts, and identify the main factors for sociolinguistic diversity.	reading and writing Seminars Classroom	exams  Evaluative Presentations  Home assignments				
a3	Differentiate between theories of language change and the central constructs, concepts, and key findings in the field of sociolinguistics.	discussion	- Home assignments				

<b>(B)</b>	(B) Intellectual Skills:							
Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in:  Intellectual skills								
Pr	Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub-PILOs) in Intellectual skills  Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) of Intellectual Skills							
	After completing this program, students will be able to:	Afte	r completing this cour	rse, students will be able to:				
problematic areas in language. sociolinguistic to				exploring to a specific in depth, evaluating and gically and systematically.				
B5 Differentiate various research methods, and decide on research topics in linguistics.			<b>b5</b> Review the pertinent literature to find a research topic of their choice, and synthesize and critique the literature in relation to their research project.					
	Teaching and Assessment Strategies f	or A	<b>chieving Learn</b>	ing Outcomes:				
	Alignment of Learning Outcomes of Intellectual Skil	ls to	Teaching Strategies	and Assessment Strategies:				
	Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in Intellectual Skills.	Tea	nching strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment				
Afte	er completing this course, students will be able to:	■ Br	ainstorming	<ul> <li>Written examinations</li> </ul>				
b2	Develop the competence to explore a specific sociolinguistic topic in depth, evaluating and interpreting data logically and systematically.	di	assroom scussions ercises	<ul><li>Assignments</li><li>Presentations</li><li>Quizzes</li></ul>				
b5	Review the pertinent literature to find a research topic of their choice, and synthesize and critique the literature in relation to their research project.		oblem solving	<ul><li>Oral assessment and feedback</li></ul>				

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<b>(C)</b>	(C) Professional and Practical Skills:							
	Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in:  Professional and Practical Skills							
	Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub- PILOs) in Professional and Practical Skills			ning Outcomes (CILOs) in nd Practical Skills				
After	completing this program, students will be able to:	After	completing this course	, students will be able to:				
C3 Use the terminology and forms of notation employed in linguistic theories;			Apply sociolinguistics research and real-world	s terminology and concepts to d examples.				
C4	Apply fundamental techniques for the analysis of data, including the use of statistical and qualitative corpus and textual analytic techniques;	Analyze variation of language use in different social and regional contexts.						
	Teaching and Assessment Strategies for							
(	Alignment of Learning Outcomes of Professional Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in Professional and Practical Skills		ching strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment				
After	completing this course, students will be able to:		instorming	<ul><li>Written examinations</li></ul>				
<b>c</b> 3	Apply sociolinguistics terminology and concepts to research and real-world examples.	■ Exe	ssroom discussions ercises oblem solving	<ul><li>Assignments</li><li>Presentations</li><li>Quizzes</li></ul>				
c4	Analyze variation of language use in different social and regional contexts.		Section Solving	<ul><li>Oral assessment and feedback</li><li>Report writing/projects</li></ul>				

(D) General / Transferable Skills:  Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in:  General and Transferable skills					
P	rogram Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in General / Transferable skills	ourse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in General / Transferable skills			
After	completing this program, students will be able to:	After completing this course, students will be able to:			
D1	Work in teams, draw conclusions and reflect differences of opinion, and independently employ self-organization, time-management skills, and identify own needs for development;	d1	Work cooperatively with others, exercising personal responsibility and sensitivity.		
D2	Engage in a life-long self-learning and leadership with commitment to professional ethics in jobrelated tasks and observe cultural diversity.	d2	Undertake independent learning, by taking initiative, being organized and meeting deadlines.		

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Teaching And Assessment Strategies For Achieving Learning Outcomes:						
Alignment of Learning Outcomes of General and Transferable skills to Teaching and Assessment Strategies:						
(	Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in General and Transferable Skills	Teaching strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment			
After	completing this course, students will be able to:	<ul><li>Classroom discussions</li></ul>	<ul><li>Written examinations</li></ul>			
d1	Work cooperatively with others, exercising personal responsibility and sensitivity.	<ul><li>Exercises</li><li>Problem solving</li></ul>	<ul><li>Assignments</li><li>Presentations</li></ul>			
d2	Undertake independent learning, by taking initiative, being organized and meeting deadlines.	<ul><li>group projects and presentations</li></ul>	<ul><li>Quizzes</li><li>Report writing/projects</li></ul>			

	IV. Course Content:							
	1. Course Topics/Items:							
N o	Topic List / Units	CILOs (symbols)	Sub-topic List	Numb er of weeks	Contact hours			
1	Introduction	a3, b1, b2, c3	- Linguistics and language: linguistics as a science; basic distinctions in linguistics; major branches of linguistics; interdisciplinary branches of linguistics; sociolinguistics as an interdisciplinary study	1	3			
2	From Dialectology to Sociolinguistic s	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	<ul><li>Dialectology</li><li>Sociolinguistics</li><li>Types of language variations</li></ul>	1	3			
3	Geographical Dialectology	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Geographical dialectology: some basic dialectological terms; some common misconceptions; geographical dialectology	1	3			
4	Social Dialectology	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Sociolinguistics: speech communities; varieties and sociolinguistic variables; social dialectology; factors in classifying social dialects	1	3			
5	Language in Contact	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Language in contact: bilingualism and multilingualism; code switching and code mixing; pidgins and creoles; language shift and language death; lingua franca; marginal languages	1	3			

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	<b></b>		<b>D.</b> 1 (1) (1)		
6	Diglossia	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- <b>Diglossia:</b> definition; Ferguson diglossia; Fishman's extension of diglossia; features of diglossia; other types of diglossia	1	3
7	Language and Culture	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Language and culture: relations between language and culture; anthropological linguistics; aspects of language and culture; ethno-linguistics	1	3
8	Mid-Term Test	a1, a3, b1, c4, d2	Written Test	1	3
9	Language, Thought and Reality	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- <b>Sapir-Whorf hypothesis:</b> strong hypothesis; weak hypothesis	1	3
1 0	Language and Power	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Language and Power: sociolinguistic theories; critical sociolinguistics; current approaches to language study	1	3
1	Language Policy and Planning	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Language Policy and Planning: language policy and planning; dimensions of language planning; stages of language planning	1	3
1 2	Globalization and World Englishes	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	<ul><li>Globalization</li><li>World Englishes</li></ul>	1	3
1 3	Students' Project presentations	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Students' Project presentations	1	3
1 4	Students' Project presentations	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1, d2	- Students' Project presentations	1	3
1 5	Consolidation	a1, a3, b1, c4, d1	<ul><li>Consolidation</li><li>Conclusion</li></ul>	1	3
1 6	Final Examination	a1, a3, b1, c4, d2	Written Test	1	3
	Numbe	r of Weeks /and	Units Per Semester	16	48

	b. Training Aspect:		
N o	Training Tasks	Number of weeks	Contact hours

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		(symbols)	
1			 
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semeste		

#### **Teaching strategies of the course:** ٧. Interactive lectures Problem solving Independent reading and writing Brainstorming Seminars Exercises Classroom discussion group projects and presentations Brainstorming 3. Assessment Strategies: Research projects and presentations Quizzes Mid-term and final exams Oral assessment and feedback Evaluative presentations Report writing/projects Assignments

	I. Tasks and Assignments						
No.	Tasks and Assignments	Week Due	Mark	Aligned Course Learning Outcomes (CILOs symbols)			
1	Quizzes, assignments & participations	2 - 12	10	a1, c4, d1, d2			
2	Mid-term exam	8	20	a1, a3, b1, c4, d2			
3	Research projects & presentations	13 - 14	10	a1, b2, b5, c3, c4, d1, d2			
4	Final exam	16	60	a1, a3, b1, c4, d2			
	Total						

VI. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester:						
N	lo.	Assessment Method	Week Due	Mark	Proportion of Final Assessment	Aligned Course Learning Outcomes (CILOs symbols)
	1	Continuing assessments (based on	2 - 12	10	10%	a1, c4, d1, d2

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	in-class participation, home assignments, regularity, punctuality & language use)				
2	Mid-term exam	8	20	20%	a1, a3, b1, c4, d2
3	Research projects & presentations	13 - 14	10	10%	a1, b2, b5, c3, c4, d1, d2
4	Final Exam	16	60	60%	a1, a3, b1, c4, d2
	Total		100	100%	

## VII. Learning Resources (MLA style or APA style):

## 1. Required Textbook(s) ( maximum two )

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Clyne, M. (2003). Dynamics of Langauge Contact. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Coulmas, F. (ed.) (1997). The Handbook of Sociolinguistics. Blackwell.

Coupland, N. and Jaworski, A. (1997). Sociolinguistics: A Reader. Basingstoke: Palgrave.

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 Basington, UK, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
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Labov, William (2001). Principles of Language change Vol. I, II. Oxford: Blackwell.

McWhorter, J. (2005). Strange bedfellows: Recovering the origins of Black English. Chapter 13. Defining Creole. Oxford University Press. Pp. 337-366.

Mesthrie, S. & Deumert, L. (2006). Introducing Sociolinguistics. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Stockwell, P. (2007). Sociolinguistics: A resource book for students. London & New York: Routledge.

Tsui, A.B. M. and J. W. Tollefson (Eds.) (2007). Language Policy, Culture, and Identity in Asian Contexts. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.

Wardhaugh, R. (1995). An Introduction to Sociolinguistics. Oxford UK & Cambridge USA: Blackwell.

#### 3. Essential References

4. Electronic Materials and Web Sites etc.

#### 5. Other Learning Material:

## IX. Course Policies: (Based on the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007))

#### 1 Class Attendance:

Class Attendance is mandatory. A student is considered absent and shall be banned from taking the final exam if his/her absence exceeds 25% of total classes.

## 2 Tardiness:

A student will be considered late if he/she is not in class after 10 minutes of the start time of class.

#### 3 Exam Attendance/Punctuality:

No student shall be allowed to the exam hall after 30 minutes of the start time, and shall not leave the hall before half of the exam time has passed.

#### 4 Assignments & Projects:

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Assignments and projects must be submitted on time. Students who delay their assignments or projects shall lose the allocated mark.

## 5 Cheating:

Cheating is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam or assignment. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.

## **6** Forgery and Impersonation:

Forgery/Impersonation is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam, assignment or project. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.

## 7 Other policies:

The Higher Studies By-law and University regulations in force will be strictly observed and students shall comply with all rules and regulations of the examination set by the Department, Faculty and University Administration.

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	نائب العميد للدراسات العليا	د/ عباس مطهر	١			
	نائب عميد مركز التطوير وضمان الجودة	أ.م.د/ أحمد مجاهد	٢			
	نائب رئيس الجامعة للشئون الأكاديمية	أ.د/ إبراهيم المطاع	٣			

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# **Course Plan of Sociolinguistics**

II. Information about Faculty Member Responsible for the Course:							
Name of Faculty Member		Office Hours					
Location & Telephone No.		SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
E-mail							

III.	III. Course Identification and General Information:							
1-	Course Title:	Sociolinguistics						
2-	Course Number & Code:	LNG 5128						
			C.H			Total		
3-	Credit hours:	Th.	Seminar	Pr.	F. Tr.			
		3				3		
4-	Study level/year at which this course is offered:	Semester Two						
5-	Pre -requisite (if any):	Semantic and pragmatic analysis and Development of linguistic theory				t		
6-	Co –requisite (if any):	Current issues in general linguistics, Psycholinguistics and Current issues in applied linguistics				in		
7-	Program (s) in which the course is offered	MA in Linguistics						
8-	Language of teaching the course:	English						
9-	System of Study:	Regular						
10-	Mode of delivery:	Lectures,	seminars,	and pres	entatio	ns		
11-	Location of teaching the course:	Department of English, Faculty of Languages				_		

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## **IV.** Course Description:

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## V. Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:

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- 8. Review the pertinent literature to find a research topic of their choice, and synthesize and critique the literature in relation to their research project.

#### **VI. Course Content:**

## A. Theoretical Aspect:

No	Topics List	Week Due	Contact Hours
1	Introduction	1	3
2	From Dialectology to Sociolinguistics	2	3

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3	Geographical Dialectology	3	3
4	Social Dialectology	4	3
5	Language in contact	5	3
6	Diglossia	6	3
7	Language and Culture	7	3
8	Mid-Term Test	8	3
9	Language, Thought and Reality	9	3
10	Language and Power	10	3
11	Language Policy and Planning	11	3
12	Globalization and World Englishes	12	3
13	Students' Project presentations	13	3
14	Students' Project presentations	14	3
15	Consolidation	15	3
16	Final Examination	16	3
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester	16	48

T	Training Aspects:					
N o.	Training Tasks	Number of weeks	Contact hours			
1						

	I. Tasks and Assignments						
No.	Tasks and Assignments	Week Due	Mark				
1	Quizzes, assignments & participations	2 - 12	10				
3	Mid-term exam	8	20				
	Research projects & presentations	13 - 14	10				
5	Final exam	16	60				
	Total						

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## VII. Teaching strategies of the course:

- Interactive lectures
- Independent reading and writing
- Seminars
- Classroom discussion
- Brainstorming

- Problem solving
- Brainstorming
- Exercises
- group projects and presentations

## VIII. Assessment Strategies:

- Quizzes
- Mid-term and final exams
- Evaluative presentations
- Assignments

- Research projects and presentations
- Oral assessment and feedback
- Report writing/projects

N o.	Type of Assessment Tasks	Week Due	Mark	Proportion of Final Assessment
1	Continuing assessments (based on in-class participation, home assignments, regularity, punctuality & language use)	2 - 12	10	10%
3	Mid-term exam	8	20	20%
4	Research projects & presentations	13 - 14	10	10%
5	Final Exam	16	60	60%
	Total			100%

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#### 4. Electronic Materials and Web Sites etc.

## 5. Other Learning Material:

## IX. Course Policies: (Based on the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007))

#### 1 | Class Attendance:

Class Attendance is mandatory. A student is considered absent and shall be banned from taking the final exam if his/her absence exceeds 25% of total classes.

## 2 Tardiness:

A student will be considered late if he/she is not in class after 10 minutes of the start time of class.

## 3 Exam Attendance/Punctuality:

No student shall be allowed to the exam hall after 30 minutes of the start time, and shall not leave the hall before half of the exam time has passed.

## 4 | Assignments & Projects:

Assignments and projects must be submitted on time. Students who delay their assignments or projects shall lose the allocated mark.

## 5 Cheating:

Cheating is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam or assignment. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007)

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shall apply.

## **6** Forgery and Impersonation:

Forgery/Impersonation is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam, assignment or project. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.

## 7 Other policies:

The Higher Studies By-law and University regulations in force will be strictly observed and students shall comply with all rules and regulations of the examination set by the Department, Faculty and University Administration.

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