

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Language in Society
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	EGL6146

5	Module Overview
<p>This module will introduce you to the different intersections of language and society and outline the ways in which language can vary according to class, gender, and age. You will develop your understanding of how to collect, analyse and present language data and results in an ethically responsible and methodologically sound way. You will also examine how language is used to construct social identities, the role of language in wider contemporary society and how sociolinguistic research can be utilised in a non-academic context. You will develop your skills of visual communication, data analysis and data presentation, alongside a careful understanding of the body of research literature within sociolinguistics and how it informs your own work. This module will ultimately allow you to critically evaluate different approaches to the study of linguistic variation and apply your knowledge in designing a research project to investigate language in society.</p> <p>You will develop your knowledge through a series of lectures which are followed by seminars in which you will apply your understanding of the field through a range of practical activities. These might include: close readings of relevant texts, analysis of the local linguistic landscape, mini-presentations, forum posts, Twitter posts, application of theoretical and contextual documents, field trips and so on. Your formally taught sessions will be supported by pre-sessional learning activities delivered via Moodle and post-sessional reflection on the seminar's learning aims. Your wider independent learning will be characterised by the development of your creative and critical knowledge of the field which will be supported by the application and development of your research skills.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Session Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is language variation and change? • Research methods, research design, and data presentation • Language and style • Language, identity and social meaning • Ethnicity, multilingualism and language choice • Language and age • Language and class • Language and gender • Language and media • Role of language research in wider society 	

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
1	Demonstrate a detailed and critical understanding of advanced linguistic terminology, theories, concepts and methodologies as they relate to the study of language in society	
2	Design and deliver a balanced, logical and coherent research project which investigates an aspect of language and society, integrating relevant scholarly literature and critically evaluates evidence.	
3	Apply your advanced knowledge of sociolinguistic concepts and terminology in the analysis and examination of independently-collected language data.	
4	Communicate clearly, fluently and effectively and present arguments in a professional and engaging manner.	

8		Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome		Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 - 4				X

9		Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	100	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	64	
Total Study Hours:	200	