

COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

University: Catholic University in Ružomberok	
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Letters	
Course code: KA/Aj-B007A/22	Course title: Introduction to the Study of Language
Type and range of planned learning activities and teaching methods: Form of instruction: Lecture / Seminar Recommended study range: hours weekly: 1 / 1 hours per semester: 13 / 13 Teaching method: on-site	
Credits: 4	Working load: 100 hours
Recommended semester/trimester: 2.	
Level of study: I.	
Prerequisites:	
Requirements for passing the course: Participation in class discussion and activities (10%); midterm test (40%); exam (50%)	
Learning outcomes of the course: Knowledge outcomes: The course offers a systematic overview of the basic areas of study and research in linguistics, focussing on English, and aims to acquaint students with the relevant terminology. They will have a basic overview of the structure and history of the English language, of the process of spoken and written communication, and of the functions and evolution of human language. Skills outcomes: They will develop both synthetic and analytical skills to investigate function and variation in language; the skills which are necessary for linguistic analysis in English esp. on the pragmatic/discourse level and which are necessary for the understanding of socio-pragmatically appropriate language use. Competences: By the end of the course students will be able to understand and critically apply the key concepts of general and English linguistics as well as those of linguistic communication. They will be familiar with the basics of analysing written and spoken language in English, evaluating language use in historical, cultural and social contexts. These competences translate into a range of future applications, primarily in education and translation, cultural policy, with special emphasis on cultural and linguistic legacy and exchange. Assessment: 100 course points in total. Participation in class discussion and activities 10 points (10%); midterm test 40 points (40%); exam 50 points (50%).	
Course contents: Introduce students to the basic areas of research in English linguistics and acquaint them with the relevant terminology. Topics covered: Functions of language. Properties of human language. Origin of language, history and changes in language. A brief history of the English language. The English language in the world, regional variation. Pragmatics and discourse analysis. Sociolinguistics, language and culture. Psychology of language. Medium of language: speech, writing, signs.	

Recommended or required literature:

Aitchison, J. (1992). Linguistics. Hodder & Stoughton.
Crystal, D. (2003). The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language. CUP.
Fromkin, V., Rodman, R. (1988). An Introduction to Language. Holt, Rinehart, Winston.
Finch, G. (1997). How to Study Linguistics. Macmillan.
Štekauer, P. (1993). Essentials of English Linguistics. Prešov.
Thornbury, S. (2007). About Language. CUP.
Yule, G. (2006). The Study of Language. CUP.

Language of instruction:

English

Notes:**Course evaluation:**

Assessed students in total: 26

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42.31	7.69	26.92	11.54	0.0	11.54

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