

Zarqa University
Faculty of Arts
Department of English & Translation
The MA in Linguistics Programme (2nd term 2012/2013)
Course Title: **Sociolinguistics & English Dialects.**
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Course Description: This course has two components:

1. Language variation across communicative situations: the influence of situational factors on linguistic expression and discourse structure.
2. Language variation across social dimensions along which language forms and discourse practices vary ; markers of social class, sex and age, methods of gathering data, forming hypotheses and testing them quantitatively will be described.

Assignment deadlines: All work must be turned by the assigned dates unless specifically approved by the instructor.

Evaluation and Grading: Students are evaluated by examinations , papers presentations and assignments as decided by the instructor.

Mid-term exam = 30% **On 17/4/2013**
Term Paper = 30% **Deadline: 5/6/2013.**
Final Exam = 40%.

Syllabus:

Week 1 – What is sociolinguistics?
Weeks 2& 3 – Variation and language.
Weeks 4 & 5- Variation and style.
Weeks 6 & 7 – Multilingualism and language choice.
Week 8- Mid-term exam.
Weeks 9 & 10- Social class.
Weeks 11 & 12- Social networks and communities of practice.
Weeks 13 & 14- Gender.
Weeks 15 &16 – Language contact.

Textbook:

Meyerhoff, Miriam (2006) *Introducing Sociolinguistics*. London & New York: Routledge.

Reading List

Fasold, Ralph (1992) *Sociolinguistics of Language*. Oxford & Cambridge: Blackwell.
(Chapter 8)

Ferguson, C. A. (1959) 'Diglossia'. In P. P. Giglioli (ed.) *Language and Social context*. Penguin Books. (pp. 232-251)

Hudson, R. A. (1996) *Sociolinguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
(Chapters 2, 3 & 5)

Labov, W. (1970) 'The study of language in its social context'. In P. P. Giglioli (ed.)
(pp. 283-307).

Milroy, L. (1980) *Language and Social Networks*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Trudgill, Peter (1984) *Sociolinguistics : An Introduction to Language and Society*.
Penguin Books.

Quirk, Randolph & Stein, Gabriele (1990) *English In Use*. London: Longmans.
(Chapters 3, 4, 5 & 9).