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### Teaching Plan

**Course Title: Sociolinguistics**

**Section No.: 1**

**Course No.:108430**

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**Semester: Summer**

**Office Hours: 11:00-12:30**

### Course Description & Objective:

In this course sociolinguistics is taught as a branch of linguistics that studies language in relation to society. In this sense, the language used tends to vary. This variation is the result of many different factors such as; religion, age, ethnicity, sex, etc. Thus, language used by men differs from that used by women and the language used by adults differs from that used by youngsters. It shows that the combination of these components bears influence on language acquisition and language use.

### Main Textbooks:

Title: An Introduction to Sociolinguistics

Author: Janet Holmes

Publisher: Longman, London, and New York

### Supporting books & periodicals:

1. Coates, J. (ed)(1997) Language and Gender: A Reader. Oxford, Blackwell.
2. Edwards, A.D. (1976) Language in Culture and Class. London, Heinemann.
3. Fishman, Joshua A. (1991) Reversing Language Shift. Clevedon, Avon: Multilingual Matters.
4. Guperz, John J. (ed)(1983) Language and Social Identity.
5. Holmes, Janet (1998) "Paying Compliments: a sex-preferential positive politeness strategy." Journal of Pragmatics. 12,3:445-65
6. Labove, William (1990) "The intersection of sex and social class in the course of linguistic change." Language Variation and Change. 2,3:205-54
7. Romaine, Suzan (2000) Language in Society: An Introduction to Sociolinguistics. 2nd edition. Oxford University Press.
8. Suleiman, Yasir. (ed) (1994) Arabic Sociolinguistics: Issues and Perspectives.
9. Tannen, Deborah (ed.) (1993) Gender and Conversational Interaction.

10. Trudgill, Peter (1996) Sociolinguistics: An Introduction to Language and Society.

11. Wardhaugh, Ronald (1997) Introduction to Sociolinguistics. Blackwell

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Ch. &amp; PP.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>First</b>	<b>26-29/7/2015</b>	What is Sociolinguistics?	
<b>Second</b>	<b>2-5/8/2015</b>	Sociolinguistics and Language Variation	
<b>Third</b>	<b>11-13/8/2015</b>	Language in Society	<b>First Exam</b>
<b>Fourth</b>	<b>16-19/8/2015</b>	General Rules and Individual Use	
<b>Fifth</b>	<b>23-25/8/2015</b>	Sociolinguistic Differences	<b>Second Exam</b>
<b>Sixth</b>	<b>30-8/2-9/2015</b>	Speech Communities	
<b>Seventh</b>	<b>6-9/9/2015</b>	Speech Acts and Speech events	
<b>Eighth</b>	<b>13-17/9/2015</b>	Dialects, Idiolects, Sociolects	<b>Final Exam</b>

**Tests & Evaluation:**

First Exam (25%)

Second Exam (25%)

Participation & Assignments (10%)

Final Exam (40%)