UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Italian Linguistics

1920-1-G8501R004

Course title

Italian Linguistics (M-Z)

Topics and course structure

Main topic of the course is the description of contemporary Italian in its varieties: geographical, social, situational, diamesic (written *vs* spoken). Particularly, so called “italiano dell’uso medio” or “neo-standard” Italian will be analysed in its phono-morphological, morphosyntactic, syntactic, lexical and textual structures. Moreover, main elements of historical grammar (passage from Latin to Italian) and history of Italian language will be examined.

Objectives

This course aims to give students a description of contemporary Italian’s architecture, in order to have a useful didactic model of language.

Methodologies

Lecture, classroom exercise.

Online and offline teaching materials

Programme and references for attending students

C. De Santis, *Che cos'è la grammatica valenziale*, Roma, Carocci, 2016;

G. Patota, *Nuovi lineamenti di grammatica storica dell'italiano*, Bologna, il Mulino, 2007 (chs. 1, 2, 3; pgg. 115-151 of ch. 4);

M.G. Lo Duca, *Lingua italiana ed educazione linguistica*, Roma, Carocci, 2003;

C. Marazzini, *Breve storia della lingua italiana*, Bologna, il Mulino, 2004;

Lessons handout, available at the end of the course (elearning.unimib.it).

Programme and references for non-attending students

Same as for attending students.

Assessment methods

Written test (questions regarding historical grammar, history of Italian language, sociolinguistics); optional oral examination.

The written test includes 12 open-choice questions. Questions 1-8 will be graded on a range from 0 to 2, 9-10 on a range from 0 to 3, 11-12 on a range from 0 to 4, based on the following criteria: relevance, correct use of technical terminology, writing skills.

The oral test includes a discussion of the written test, to which one or more additional questions will be added. The evaluation of the oral test is based on the same criteria as the written test, plus the following additional criteria: argumentative skills, autonomy in constructing answers.

Office hours

Tuesday 16.30-18.30, u6, off. 4157.

Programme validity

Two years.

Course tutors and assistants