UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Italian Linguistics - M-Z

2324-1-G8501R004-MZ

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

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).

Assessment methods

The exam consists of two written tests (the first called *Grammatica zero* and the second *Exam test*) plus a possible oral test.

1. **Grammatica zero**: this is a test of the knowledge of grammar analysis and logical analysis that should be acquired from school. The test consists of a series open-choice questions and is passed if a correct answer is provided to 4/5 of them. The test must only be passed, the vote does not average. It is possible to take the test on a date prior to that of the exam test (three dates will be fixed during the course of the lessons) or on the day of the exam test itself, prior to the exam test. Failure to pass the zero Grammar test will result in non-admission to the written exam. Passing the zero Grammar test has unlimited validity.

2. **Exam test**: this is an open-ended test that focuses on notions of historical grammar, history of the Italian language, sociolinguistics. The written test consists of 12 open-choice questions. Questions 1-8 will be evaluated from 0 to 2 points each, 9-10 from 0 to 3 points each, 11-12 from 0 to 4 points each; on the basis of the following evaluation criteria: relevance to the question, terminological accuracy, ability to re-elaborate and synthesize.

3. **Optional oral test**: the interview, fixed at the request of the student, consists of a revision of the written test, to which one or more questions are added on the sections of the program not faced in the written test. The questions of the oral test will be assessed on the basis of the same criteria as the written test and, moreover, on the basis of the following additional criteria: ability to argue and autonomy in the construction of the speech.

Office hours

Monday 16.30-10; Tuesday 16.30-18.30.

Programme validity

Two years.

Course tutors and assistants

Sustainable Development Goals

QUALITY EDUCATION