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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Italian Language

2425-3-E2001R002

Course title

Italian Linguistics

Topics and course structure

The first part of the course will focus on the history of the Italian language, with some insights into historical grammar

The second part focuses on contemporary Italian, in its geographical (geolinguistic profile), social, situational and diamesic (spoken and written) varieties. In particular, “italiano dell’uso medio” or “neo-standard” Italian will be analyzed in its phonomorphological, morphosyntactic, syntactic, lexical and textual components.

The third part reviews the linguistic characteristics of the most widespread media: radio, cinema, television, comics, advertising, internet.

Objectives

This course aims to give students an overview of the history of Italian and a description of contemporary Italian’s architecture.

Methodologies

28 two-hour in-person lessons carried out in frontal mode in the first part and in a more interactive mode in the second one.

Online and offline teaching materials

Online audiovisual support materials will be made available on the course e-learning page.

Programme and references

- Claudio Marazzini, *La lingua italiana. Storia, testi, strumenti*, seconda edizione, Bologna, il Mulino, 2015;

- Ilaria Bonomi, Silvia Morgana (a cura di), *La lingua italiana e i mass media*, nuova edizione, Roma, Carocci, 2016;

- a lessons handout about contemporary Italian, available at the end of the course (http://elearning.unimib.it/).

Assessment methods

Written test (questions regarding history of Italian language, sociolinguistics, language of Italian mass media); 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

Wednesday, 10.30-11.30.

Programme validity

Two years.

Course tutors and assistants

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Sustainable Development Goals

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