UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Foundations of General Linguistics

2627-1-E2002R001-E2002R00101

Course title

General Linguistics

Topics and course structure

During the first part of the course, the basic notions of linguistics and of the methodology of linguistic research will be illustrated. Students will be introduced to the subfields of phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. In the second part, the focus will be devoted to the topic of subjectivity in language, from an intercultural perspective

Objectives

In this course students will develop the following skills:

- mastering the basic notions and research methodology of linguistics
- gaining the ability to apply theoretical notions to concrete language phenomena, in order to analyze them

Methodologies

- 21 2-hour lectures held in delivery mode;
- 3 2-hour lectures held in remote delivery mode;
- 4 2-hour tutorials held in interactive in-presence mode.

Online and offline teaching materials

Materials used in lectures are available at elearning.unimib.it and are **compulsory reads** for the exam.

Programme and references

During the course, the basic notions of linguistics and of the methodology of linguistic research will be illustrated. Students will be introduced to the subfields of phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. Moreover, special attention will be devoted to the topic of subjectivity in language, from an intercultural perspective

Fiorentino, Giuliana (2020). La lingua nella comunicazione. Firenze: Le Monnier
Da Milano, Federica (2023). Coscienza e linguaggio. L'espressione linguistica della soggettività. Milano, Raffaello Cortina Editore

Assessment methods

The exam consists of a written test, including 15 (open and closed-choice) questions.,to be conducted in 75 minutes. Each question will be graded on a range from 0 to 2, based on the following criteria: relevance, correct use of technical terminology, writing skills. Examinees who score at least 18 in the written test may end the exam as such or, if they will, they may take an integrative oral test, consisting of a discussion of the written test and questions on topics covered in class but not in the written test.
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

By appointment and online: mail to

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Programme validity

The programme is valid for two academic years.

Course tutors and assistants

Sustainable Development Goals

REDUCED INEQUALITIES