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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ITAM12, Italian: Linguistic Variation in the Italian Language, 7.5 credits

Italienska: Språklig variation i italienskan, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-04-21 to be valid from 2008-04-21, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics specialising in Italian. It is also offered as a single course and can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

Language of instruction: Italian
Some Swedish may be used.

Main field of studies

Language and Linguistics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an account of the connection between various historical events and social changes and the linguistic variation found in the Italian language
- be able to give an account of the distinguishing sociolinguistic features found in contemporary Italian
- be able to give an account of the major dialect regions within the Italian speaking world

- be able to give an account of the ways in which language is codified and how standard versions of a language are developed.

Competence and skills

- be able to hear the differences between and classify the various dialects and sociolects of Italian
- be able to identify the differences between modern Italian and historical Italian from the major Italian dialect regions
- be able to analyse linguistic interaction from perspectives of gender, diversity and ethnicity
- be able to discuss and evaluate concepts such as standard language and geographical and social variation.

Judgement and approach

- be able to discuss and evaluate linguistic diversity in the global society of today, and, in particular, in relation to Italy
- be able to discuss concepts such as gender and ethnicity in relation to language use and linguistic variation.

Course content

The course aims to provide the students with knowledge and understanding of modern Italian sociolinguistics and dialectology as well as of basic variations found in the Italian language. It examines geographic and social explanations of language variation. Basic concepts such as language variation, standard varieties of a language, multilingualism and code switching, language contact, language preservation and language politics in the Italian speaking world are studied. In addition, various methods of research used within the fields of sociolinguistics and dialectology are discussed.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, proficiency exercises, seminars and supervised independent studies.

Assessment

The following examination forms may occur: Oral tests, written tests or a combination of these such as in the form of a poster presentation.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course requires the successful completion of 90 higher education credits in Italian, or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in ITAM12, Italian: Linguistic Variation in the Italian Language

Applies from V10

0801 Linguistic Variation in the Italian Language, 7,5 hp
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