Lingua e linguistica italiana

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Course aims

This course aims to:

- provide an in-depth understanding of the history and principal features of the Italian language, with particular attention to its varieties and its interaction with other languages;

- develop skills in the analysis of written and oral texts, with attention to textual typologies and multimodality;

- foster the ability to evaluate the communicative appropriateness of texts in relation to context and purpose;

- encourage independent critical thinking and argumentation on issues of linguistic relevance.

Course Content

- History of the Italian language, with particular reference to the relationship between language and dialect;

- The linguistic domain and dimensions of variation (synchrony, diachrony, diamesia, diatopy, diastratic);

- Italian phonetics and phonology;

- Multilingualism and language contact;

- The role of grammar (in teaching, writing, and oral communication);

- Contemporary Italian and "e-taliano";

- Specialized languages and contemporary developments;

- Text linguistics: text analysis and multimodal dimensions;

- The current state of the Italian language: loanwords and gender issues.

Exam

- The final examination will be in written form and will consist of open-ended questions on the theoretical aspects of the course, as well as exercises related to the characteristics and variation

  of the Italian language. Detailed information regarding the structure of the examination and assessment criteria will be provided during the course.

Bibliography

- Massimo Palermo, *Linguistica italiana*, Il Mulino, 2020, 2nd edition.

- Andrea Camilleri, Tullio De Mauro, *La lingua batte dove il dente duole*, Roma, Editori Laterza, 2020 (1st ed. 2014).

- Michele Prandi, *Le regole e le scelte: manuale di linguistica e di grammatica italiana*, Torino, Utet Università, 2020 (selected chapters as indicated by the instructor).

- Luca Serianni, *Italiani scritti*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2012 (selected chapters as indicated by the instructor).

Lecture slides and additional materials distributed in class form an integral part of the required readings (all materials will be uploaded on Google Drive and the university's online platform).

Recommended Reading

Students are strongly recommended to consult a comprehensive Italian grammar, which is essential both for mastering the linguistic elements covered during the course and as a valuable reference throughout their academic studies:

- Luca Serianni, *Grammatica Italiana*, UTET Università, Torino, 1989 (2nd edition 2006).

- Michele Prandi, Cristiana De Santis, *Grammatica essenziale e ragionata*, UTET Università, 2020.

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