



# UNIVERSITY OF BALOCHISTAN, QUETTA

## INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS AND LITERATURE

**Course title: Sociolinguistics**

**Core Course: Linguistics**

**Credit hours: 3 (3-0)**

**Scheduled for Semester: 5**

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### **Course Description and Objectives**

This course provides a general introduction to Sociolinguistics. It examines language use in society with a micro-level and macro-level analysis. The micro-level analysis includes various functions of language in society, solidarity and politeness, code-switching, kinesics, style, bilingual individuals; the macro-level analysis incorporates speech community, language planning, social and regional variations, and bilingual community. The course further aims to enhance learners' understanding of the social, political and utilitarian dimensions of linguistics, modern trends and practices in sociolinguistics, sociolinguistic theories with societal practices and ongoing global transformations.

### **Course Contents**

Introduction to Sociolinguistics

Scope and ramifications of Sociolinguistics

Language Variation and change

Language Society and Culture

- Functions of Language in Society
- Domains of Language Use
- Speech Community
- Regional & Social dialects
- Style, register, jargon.
- Pidgins & Creoles.

Language Contact

Language choice and language attitudes

Language and Gender  
Language planning and societal issues  
Language and Power

### **Reference Books**

Holmes, J. (2008). *An introduction to sociolinguistics*. New York, NY: Longman.  
Trudgill, P. (2000). *Sociolinguistics: An introduction to language and society*. London: Penguin.  
Wardhaugh, R. (2005). *An introduction to sociolinguistics* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Oxford: Blackwell.