



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

ALS455: LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY

Course Name (English)	LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY APPROVED
Course Code	ALS455
MQF Credit	4
Course Description	This course introduces students to the role played by language in society. The course emphasizes the concept that language both reflects and influences the social, economic, political and cultural environment in which it is used. The role of language planning with reference to the Malaysian context is examined. New varieties of World Englishes will also be explored.
Transferable Skills	- Demonstrate ability to identify and articulate self skills, knowledge and understanding confidently and in a variety of contexts (Reflective Learner) - Demonstrate ability to analyse issues/problems from multiple angles and make suggestions (Solution Provider)
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Case Study, Tutorial, Reading Into Writing Task, Reading Activity, Discussion, Presentation, Small Group Sessions , Directed Self-learning , Journal/Article Critique, Role Play
CLO	CLO1 explain basic concepts of sociolinguistics CLO2 describe dimensions contributing to individuals' language variation CLO3 analyse issues involved in language evolution in a speech community CLO4 discuss the development and role of English Language in speech communities around the world
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations
Topics	
1. Introduction to Sociolinguistics 1.1) Introduction to syllabus	
2. Relationship between language and society 2.1) Linguistic repertoire 2.2) Domain 2.3) Code choice 2.4) Sociolinguist	
3. Language variation on users 3.1) Dialect 3.2) Gender 3.3) Age 3.4) Ethnicity 3.5) Social network	
4. Language variation on uses 4.1) Style 4.2) Context 4.3) Register 4.4) Speech functions	
5. Bilingualism 5.1) Reasons for bilingualism 5.2) Compound and coordinate bilingualism 5.3) Code-switching	
6. Multilingualism 6.1) Individual and societal multilingualism 6.2) Reasons for multilingualism 6.3) Diglossia and polyglossia	

7. Language Change 7.1) Ways of language change 7.2) Types of linguistic change
8. Language Shift 8.1) Factors contributing to language shift
9. Language Maintenance 9.1) Means of language maintenance
10. Language Death 10.1) Reasons for language death
11. Language Revival 11.1) Reasons for language revival
12. Quiz 12.1) Covers topics from Week 1 - Week 8
13. English Language in Malaysia 13.1) History of English Language in Malaysia 13.2) Role of English Language in Malaysia 13.3) Language planning in Malaysia
14. World English 14.1) Lingua Franca 14.2) Role of English Language
15. World Englishes 15.1) Varieties of English Language 15.2) Pidgin and Creole

Assessment Breakdown		%	
Continuous Assessment		100.00%	

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Assignment	Assignment	20%	CLO2
	Case Study	Article Review	10%	CLO3
	Group Project	Group Project	30%	CLO4
	Quiz	Quiz	10%	CLO1
	Test	Final test	30%	CLO3

Reading List	Recommended Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janet Holmes, <i>An Introduction to Sociolinguistics</i>, Pearson Longman [ISBN: 9781405821315]
	Reference Book Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edwards, J. 2012, <i>Multilingualism: Understanding linguistic diversity</i>, Continuum London Matras, Y. 2009, <i>Language contact</i>, Cambridge University Press Cambridge UK Montgomery, M. 2012, <i>An introduction to language and society</i>, 2nd ed Ed., Routledge London Mukherjee, D. and David, M. K. 2011, <i>National Language planning and Language shifts in Malaysian minority communities</i>, Amsterdam University Press Amsterdam Talbot, M. 2010, <i>Language and gender</i>, 2nd ed Ed., Polity Press Cambridge UK
Article/Paper List	Recommended Article/Paper Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marzo, S. 2005, Between two languages: the linguistic repertoire of Italian immigrants in Flanders., <i>In James Cohen, Kara T. McAlister, Kellie Rolstad, & Jeff MacSwan (eds.), ISB4: Proceedings of the 4th International Symposium on Bilingualism</i>. Somerville http://www.lingref.com/isb/4/120ISB4
Other References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Van Herk, G. 2012, <i>What is sociolinguistics?</i>, Wiley-Blackwell, UK 	