



Department of English Studies

General information		
Name of the course	Languages in Contact	
Course instructor	Dr Branka Drljača Margić, Associate Professor	
Study programme	Graduate Study Programme in English Language and Literature (MA in Teaching English as a Foreign Language - TEFL)	
Status of the course	elective	
Academic year	2022-2023 (summer semester)	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	3
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+0

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
1.1. Course objectives
This course aims to familiarise students with the fundamental principles of contact linguistics, the ways in which languages influence each other, and the results and mechanisms of language contacts. Furthermore, students will become acquainted with the attitudes of linguists and the general public towards the impact that one language exerts on another.
1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course
Erasmus students should have some background knowledge of linguistics and should be at least at the 3 rd year undergraduate level. Please consult with the course instructor directly prior to application at bdrljaca@ffri.uniri.hr
1.3. Expected course learning outcomes
Enable students to correctly interpret the concepts and issues relating to contact linguistics, as well as to independently analyse interlingual influences in spoken and written interaction. Encourage students to think about the causes and circumstances surrounding interlingual contacts and stimulate them to critically reflect on the effects of interlingual influences.
1.4. Course content
The topics of this course are as follows: the history of language contacts; factors that influence language contacts; pidgins, creoles and other mixed languages; bilingualism and multilingualism; code-switching; language borrowing; neologisms; mechanisms and causes of language interference; language changes that result from interlingual contacts; endangered languages and language death; language attitudes (towards language changes due to language contact); the influence of English on other European languages at different language levels (with a particular focus on the influence of English on Croatian); Americanisms in British English.
1.5. Manner of instruction
✓ Lectures

- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Other: research