

Course title: Morphosyntactic and Semantic Problems in the Italian Language (I)

Course code: MCIT0811

Course type: compulsory

Level of the course: MA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 1st

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 8

Name of the lecturer: Mirela Aioane

Course objective: Students should become familiar with the numerous lexical, morphological and syntactic transformations that contemporary Italian has known in the past decades. "La questione della lingua" today, expansion of spoken Italian in the disadvantage of the written Italian. Recognizing and practical use of the "neo-standard" Italian: definitions, general characteristics. Linguistic analysis of contemporary texts.

Course contents: Lexical, morphological and syntactic transformations in contemporary Italian. Variety and unity, a linguistic panorama of contemporary Italy. Definitions of the concepts of "dialect" and linguistic "variety". Linguistic varieties. General presentation. Linguistic registers. Standard and neostandard Italian. Cultisms. English loans. Colloquial Italian. Normal and marked word order of the Italian sentence components. Allocutive signals.

Recommended reading: Bazzanella, Carla, *Le facce del parlare*, Firenze, La Nuova Italia, 1994; Beccaria, Gian Luigi, *Italiano. Antico e nuovo*, Milano, Garzanti, 2002; Berruto, Gaetano, *Sociolinguistica dell'italiano contemporaneo*, Roma, La Nuova Italia Scientifica, 1987; Cortelazzo, Michele, *Italiano d'oggi*, Padova, Esedra, 2000; Orletti, Franca, *Fra conversazione e discorso*, Bari-Roma, Laterza, 1993; Sobrero, A (a cura di), *Introduzione all'italiano contemporaneo, La variazione e gli usi*, Bari-Roma, Laterza, 1993

Teaching methods: lectures, interactive approaches

Assessment methods: 50% ongoing evaluation; 50% final test (written)

Language of instruction: Italian