

## COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Research field, branch, code	Faculty	Department, Institute
Sociolinguistics	Philology, Linguistics, H004	Philology	Department of Lithuanian studies

Study cycle	3 <sup>rd</sup> (doctoral)
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Mode of delivery	ECTS credits	Type of the course unit	Language of instruction
Contact (lectures, workshops, tutorials)	8		
Individual or in a group			

### Annotation of the course content

The most important problems of the relationship between language and society, the choice and use of language varieties are analyzed. The history of sociolinguistics, methodological and theoretical roots of sociolinguistics, the most important researchers and the latest research in Lithuania and abroad. Course topics: object of sociolinguistics, analyzed problems and research methods. Quantitative and qualitative research. Language in society. Language varieties. Language and dialect. Standard languages. National and official languages. Vernacular languages. Regional and social varieties. Multilingual language communities, choice of language code. Bilingualism and multilingualism. Diglossia. Language contacts. Code switching, code mixing, translanguaging. Language maintenance and change. Style and register. Accommodation theory, convergence and divergence. Language change. Social context, social dimensions and linguistic code: social distance, social status, formality of interaction, aim of interaction. Participants in the interaction, topic of speaking and choice of language. Language functions. Language death and language loss. Language revival. Pidgins and creoles. Lingua franca. Ethnicity and social networks. Ethnolinguistic vitality. Language and identity. Language and gender (politeness, confidence, interjections, interruptions, etc.). Language and age. Linguistic repertoire of different generations. Discourse patterns and culture. Intercultural communication, (im)politeness. Language attitudes, overt and covert prestige. Ideology of language. Language policy and language planning Language status and corpus planning. Language planning and the role of linguists. Sociolinguistics and education. Lithuanian sociolinguistic situation. Language policy of the European Union and Lithuania. Language, urbanization and globalization. Language and migration, heritage language in Lithuanian diaspora, language and identity.

### Reading

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Hogan-Brun G., Ozolins U., Ramonienė M., Rannut M., *Language Policies and Practices in the Baltic States*, Tallinn: Tallinn University Press, 2009.

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Mesthrie, R. (ed.) <i>Cambridge Handbook of Sociolinguistics</i> , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
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Kardelis, K., <i>Mokslinių tyrimų metodologija ir metodai</i> , Kaunas: Judex. 2002.
Ramonienė, M., and Extra, G. <i>Multilingualism in Lithuanian Cities. Languages at home and school in Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipėda</i> . Vilnius/Tilburg, Klaipėda: Klaipėdos universiteto leidykla, 2011.
Ramonienė M. ( moksl. red.), <i>Emigrantai: Kalba ir tapatybė II</i> , Vilnius: VU leidykla, 2019.
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Swann, J. et al., <i>A Dictionary of Sociolinguistics</i> , Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 2004.
Vaicekauskienė, L. (sud.). <i>Lietuvių kalbos idealai: kaip keitėsi geriausias kalbos idėja</i> . Vilnius: Naujasis Židinys-Aidai, 2017.

Lecturer	Degree	Main works published in the research field during the last five years
Meilutė Ramonienė	Doctor of the Humanities	<b>Ramonienė, M.</b> , Ramonaitė, J.T. (2021) Language attitudes, practices and identity in the new Lithuanian diaspora. <i>Russian Journal of Linguistics</i> , Vol. 25 No.4 1024-1046.
		Miežytė, Ž., <b>Ramonienė, M.</b> (2021) Different Siblings' Linguistic Behavior. The case of Lithuanian Heritage Language Speakers. In Verschik, A. (ed.) <i>Multilingual Practices in the Baltic Countries</i> , Tallinn: TLU Press, 283-324.
		Ramonienė, M. (2020) New Trends of Multilingualism in the Lithuanian Urban Space: Private Sphere. In Kessler S. and M Pantermöller (eds.) <i>The Social Status of Languages in Finland and Lithuania. A Plurimethodological Empirical Survey on Language Climate Change</i> , Berlin: Peter Lang, 229–258.

	<p>Ramonienė, M. (2019) Family and the maintenance of the heritage language: the case of Lithuanian diaspora. In Haque, S. et F. Le Lièvre (eds.) <i>Politique Linguistique familiale /Family language policy. Enjeux dynamiques de la transmission linguistique dans un contexte migratoire. Dynamics in language transmission under a migratory context.</i> Munich: LINCOM, 135-158.</p>
	<p>Ramonienė M., (2019) Regional dialects in the Lithuanian urban space: skills, practices and attitudes, In Lazdiņa S. and H. F. Marten M. (eds), <i>Multilingualism in the Baltic States: Societal Discourses and Contact Phenomena</i>, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 123-152.</p>
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