

Sociolinguistics (BEL E-807)

Course Outcomes

After completion of the course, the students will be able to:

- Understand the concept of varieties and dialects.
- Apply Sociolinguistics theories to analyse various linguistic situations in society
- Develop the ability to understand and analyse empirical studies in the field of Sociolinguistics
- Analyse the usage of language in different social and cultural contexts

Unit I

Varieties of Language- I

Concept of Dialects-
Regional, Social Styles,
Registers and Beliefs
Pidgins and Creoles

Unit II

Codes

Bilingualism and
Multilingualism
Diglossia
Code-Switching

Unit III

Variation in Language- II

Concept of Linguistic Variables
Linguistics and Social Variation
Gender based Variation

Unit IV

Case Studies

Early Studies in New York, Norwich and Reading
Studies on Diglossia, Triglossia and Polyglossia carried out in Paraguay, Tanzania and
Singapore Studies on Diglossia carried out in India

References

Wardhaugh, Ronald, and Janet M Fuller. *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. West Sussex,