Syllabus

DIGLOSSIA IN THE HISTORY OF HEBREW LANGUAGE - 25893

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Department of Hebrew Language

Academic year: 3

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
Diglossia describes a situation of coexistence of two (or more) languages or of two varieties of one language within one speech community. It characterizes multilingual situations in which the functional domains of each of the languages are apportioned in a kind of complementary distribution (Ferguson 1959). This course will discuss the phenomenon of diglossia throughout the history of the Hebrew Language

Course/Module aims:
This course will first offer a methodological introduction to sociolinguistics in general and to studies of diglossia and bilingualism in particular. Then we will examine various types of diglossic situations in the history of the Semitic languages, and examine how to characterize them. Eventually we will also read some psycholinguistic studies, examining the consequences of a diglossic situation related to issues of language acquisition.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
See Hebrew

Attendance requirements(%):
85

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures and presentations by the students.

Course/Module Content:
First topic: Diglossia in the context of models of interaction of language and Social life

Second Topic: Multilingual Communities
Kloss, Heinz. 1966. "Types of Multilingual Communities: A Discussion of Ten

Third Topic: Is it possible to apply the model of diglossia to ancient languages
Part one: the case of in-diglossia?
In this context we will focus on evidence from three languages: Akkadian, Aramaic and Hebrew.

Harviainen, T. 1984, Diglossia in Jewish Eastern Aramaic. StOr 55: 97-113

Part two: the case of out-diglossia
In this context we will focus on the linguistic situation in Palestine during the first centuries CE.

Fraade, Steven. Forthcoming. Language Mix and Multilingualism in Ancient Palestine: Literary and Inscriptional Evidence. Jewish Studies 47
Fourth Topic: Diglossia in Psycholinguistic

In this section we will concentrate on the Arabic Community in the State of Israel.


Required Reading:


Additional Reading Material:

will be provided in the lectures

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 15 %
Participation in Tutorials 15 %
Project work 70 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
NA