

Course Description

Faculty: Social Sciences

Study program: Bachelor in Albanian language and literature

Course Title: History of the Albanian language

Course Credits: 6

Language of Instruction: Albanian

Course Description:

This course deals with the problems of the origin of the Albanian language and its position in the Indo-European language family. Albanian belongs to the family of languages i.e. it is seen both in the elements inherited in the dictionary and in the counting system, as well as in the phenomena inherited in the phonetic system and in the grammatical structure. Regarding the origin of this language, two main hypotheses stand out, the Thracian and the Illyrian. The latter seems to be the most supported, which also proves the autochthony of the Albanian people. The main developments that Albanian has undergone in the phonetic system over the centuries are also discussed. The evolution that the series of vowels and consonants have undergone, focusing on those that determine the nature of Albanian and phenomena such as apophony, metaphony and rotacism etc.

Course Goals:

“The history of the Albanian language” seeks to impress upon students the following concepts:

1. Basic knowledge of the Indo-European language family and the position of Albanian in this family.
2. Acquaintance with theses of the source of the Albanian language, to evaluate the arguments given by the researchers.

To be able to make scientific analyzes of the linguistic phenomena observed in Albanian and to argue the autochthony of Albanians and the Illyrian origin of Albanian.

Course Requirements:

- Lectures are optional
- Seminars should be attended to 75 %
- When the student participates less than 75 % does not have the right to attend the exam but passes in the next season.
- 2 colloquium and 1 assignment are required to gain 30 points .

Grading: Indicate how a final course grade (including credit/no credit) will be assigned

- Participation / Activation + Task: 30 points
- Final Exam: 70 points