Introduction to Linguistics

This course is designed for BA students and it is taught in English. Introduction to linguistics is a basic course that paves the way to a better understanding of human language. It provides information on the attempts made to trace the origin of human language comparing it to other systems of communication, the relationship between human language and brain, language and thought, linguistic creativity.

The theoretical issues as well as the exercises aim at providing fundamental knowledge of phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. The abundant examples in English are enriched with non-English ones, especially Albanian ones, intending to enhance the student's understanding of language differences within the framework of language universals.