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|  **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | **Faculty**  | **Faculty of Philosophy** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| Study program  | **Philology** |
| Study Module (if applicable) |  |
| Course title | Current Topics in Linguistics |
| Level of study | [ ] Bachelor [ ]  Master’s [x]  Doctoral |
| Type of course | [ ]  Obligatory [x]  Elective |
| Semester  |  [x]  Autumn [ ] Spring |
| Year of study  | first |
| Number of ECTS allocated | 8 |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | Branimir Stanković |
| Teaching mode |  [x] Lectures [ ] Group tutorials [ ]  Individual tutorials [ ] Laboratory work [ ]  Project work [ ]  Seminar [ ] Distance learning [ ]  Blended learning [ ]  Other |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** |
| *Introducing the students to the hot topics of linguistic research across different linguistic disciplines, from theoretical phonology, syntax and semantics, via interdisciplinary fields like computational linguistics, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, forensic linguistics, sociolinguistics and anthropological linguistics, language acquisition to biolinguistics ad comparative cognition.* |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** |
| **Lexical prosody of Serbian. Verbal aspect in Slavic and Germanic. Verb prefixation and the syntax of the Slavic VP. Modelling events in computational linguistics. Modules of grammar in the neurolinguistics perspective. Processing of presupposition and implicature. Acquisition of scalar implicatures. Principles of forensic linguistics. How and why did language evolve? Parallels between language and spatial cognition.** |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** |
| [x] Serbian (complete course)1 [ ]  English (complete course) [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)[ ] Serbian with English mentoring [ ] Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**1 On demand, and assuming a formal and administrative approval, the course can also be given in English.** |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** |
| **Pre exam duties** | **30 points** | **Final exam** | **70 points** |
| **Activity during lectures** |  | **Written examination** |  |
| **Practical teaching** |  | **Oral examination** |  |
| **Teaching colloquia** |  | **OVERALL SUM** | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** |