

MULTI4160 – Multilingualism Specialization A — Language and migration

Course description:

This course aims to explore the intersection between language and migration, in particular, how language-related issues affect migrants' integration in host societies. The course will address the complexity of linguistic factors that enable and limit migrants' access to services and resources through various case studies from Norway and beyond. By examining, multilingualism in the migration context at individual level as well as community, societal, and international level using various sociolinguistic frameworks and theories, students will develop an in-depth understanding of different issues related to language and migration. Students will also gain knowledge about the language practices of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and mobile people in various domains and communicative situations. Some of the topics covered are language in private (e.g., family) and public (e.g., education, health, workplace) settings, language and citizenship, language maintenance and shift, language and identity, language attitudes and ideologies, language in urban and digital spaces, and migration trajectories and transnational communities.