

## ABSTRACT

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This study is a sociolinguistic study which focuses on language choice. The objectives of this study are to describe what languages are used by SKI students in different domains, when they change the language and the reasons why they choose those languages. The writer used qualitative research approach, she observed how the students talk, in the observation the writer made a field note. Then she needed interview to the students. The result, languages used by SKI students are Indonesian, Javanese, Madurese, and Malaysian. Indonesian language used in formal domain. In informal domain, SKI students often use the local language. The students use Indonesian to interact with lecturers or friends in the classroom, then they use local languages or vernacular (language or dialect spoken in a particular country or region) to interact with friends in friendship domain. The students choose the language because of different status between students and lecturer. When they talk about college matters, they use Indonesian, but when they talk about something beyond college matters, they use not only Indonesian but also another languages such as Javanese, Madurese and Malaysian.

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