

COURSE TITLE: Varietats Contemporànies de l'anglès

SEMESTER: A

CREDITS: 5

COURSE TEACHER: David Prendergast

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:

Students will be assessed by audio exercise worksheets, comparative feature notebook and a final test.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT:

A range of standard and non-standard varieties of English around the world will be reviewed, although the largest part will be devoted to the British Isles and North America. The varieties will include both native and non-native varieties. We will study oral material (tapes and videos) and written materials and we will analyse varieties of English within their socio-cultural and linguistic context. In bilingual and multilingual contexts we will look at phenomena such as: acquisition, code-switching, substrate influence, diglossia, contact varieties (pidgins and creoles). The objective of the course is to widen the student's vision of the variety and functions of English in the world today, and to expose the student from a practical point of view to varieties s/he has not usually encountered to date in the degree.

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