

Subject:	VARIACIÓ I CANVI LINGÜÍSTIC DE L'ANGLÈS
Code:	21826
Credits:	5
Semester:	1
Group(s):	1
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

The objective of the subject is to develop student awareness of the interrelation between synchronic states of the language and language change, as well as to apply tools and concepts acquired in various areas of study, in order to explore the interface between variation and change. The development of the subject is through case studies from different areas of the English language (syntax, phonology, semantics, etc.).

OBJECTIVES

Students will learn how to understand and explain functional and social motivations behind linguistic variation and change, as well as to analyse and interpret data. They will work with existing data for both practice work and for project work, and will learn how to present their results in class or to their tutor.

ASSESSMENT

Exercises and project work	30%
Class participation	10%
Final exam	60%

Note: The level of English will be taken into account when assessing hand-in work, exams and in the final grade

SYLLABUS

A. Introduction

1. Typology of linguistic variation
2. Typology of linguistic change
3. Descriptive vs. explanatory models

B. Case studies

1. Grammatical variation and change
2. Semantic variation and change
3. Phonological variation and change
4. Motivations and causes

BIBLIOGRAPHY / MATERIALS

A pack of texts and exercises will be made available by the beginning of the course with a supplementary reading list.

OTHER COMMENTS

Previous experience with History of English and Contemporary Varieties of English will prove extremely useful to follow the course successfully.