

Degree	Type	Year
3500084 English Studies: Linguistic, Literary and Sociocultural Perspectives	OB	1

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites to take this course.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject offers a linguistic description (vocabulary, pronunciation and morphosyntax) of different varieties of English, both written and spoken, from around the world. These varieties will be studied from the perspective of their geographical origin and in relation to issues of social class, age, ethnicity and gender. Regional varieties, accents and creoles will be analysed through examples and studies related to literary and cultural texts, including poems, theatre plays, speeches, music and cinema. The differences between standard and non-standard varieties will be explored, as well as the positions, often stereotyped, of what "correct" English means, both in written and spoken language. The role of the language in Western civilization will be addressed, and so will be the differences between the language of prose and poetry, orality and the language of the novel, the role of language in culture and education and the limits of literary language.

Learning Outcomes

1. CA04 (Competence) Formulate research proposals on the application of the study of varieties of English to speeches and social debates.

2. CA05 (Competence) Participate effectively in working teams that reflect linguistic, cultural, and disciplinary diversity, both in terms of their composition and their approach to the content of the work.
3. KA03 (Knowledge) Identify the various approaches (language, literary, cultural, and social) based on which the different varieties of English can be studied.
4. KA04 (Knowledge) Recognise historical and contemporary standard and non-standard varieties of English (written and spoken) in literary and cultural productions.
5. KA05 (Knowledge) Relate the use of varieties of English in literary and cultural productions to the representation of issues related to social class, age, ethnicity, and gender in these productions.
6. SA06 (Skill) Apply knowledge about varieties of English to the study and the interpretation of literary and cultural texts.
7. SA07 (Skill) Describe how the use of English and its varieties reflects the intersections of social class, age, ethnicity, and gender in the formation of identity.
8. SA08 (Skill) Use tools for linguistic analysis and critical thinking in the study of the different uses and varieties of English in a global multilingual context.

Content

Session 1. The classics

Session 2. Romantic and modernist

Session 3. Variations: dialects, languages

Session 4. Burgess, languages, classes and age. The limits of description.

Session 5. Accent, language, dialect and variety; the expansion of English

Sessions 6 and 7. Some morphosyntactic features common to non-standard varieties of English

Sessions 8 and 9. Non-standard English pronunciation and its relation to language change

Session 10. Non-standard varieties of English and ethnicity, age and gender from a linguistic perspective.

Sessions 1-4 will be taught by Prof. Andrew Monnickendam and sessions 5-10 by Dr. Susagna Tubau.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	20	0.8	KA03, KA04, SA07
Practical classes	11.25	0.45	CA04, KA05, SA06, SA08
Type: Supervised			
Individual and group work and class discussion	25	1	CA04, CA05, KA03, KA04, KA05, SA06, SA07, SA08
Type: Autonomous			
Reading, personal study, assignment preparation and exercises	65.75	2.63	CA04, CA05, KA03, KA04, KA05, SA06, SA07, SA08

Autonomous activities

Reading, personal study, assignment preparation and exercises

Directed activities

Lectures and practical classes

Supervised activities

Individual and group work and class discussion

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Assignment 1	20%	1	0.04	CA05, KA03, KA04, KA05, SA06, SA08
Assignment 2	40%	1	0.04	CA04, CA05, KA03, KA04, SA06, SA07, SA08
Assignment 3	40%	1	0.04	CA04, CA05, KA04, KA05, SA07

Continuous assessment

Assignment 1 - On a topic connected with sessions 1 to 4 (20%)

Assignment 2 - On a topic connected with sessions 5 to 7 (40%)

Assignment 3 - On a topic connected with session 8 to 10 (40%)

The student will obtain a Not assessed/Not submitted course grade unless they have submitted more than 40% of the assessment items.

Single assessment

Submission of the 3 Assignments on a date specified at the beginning of the course (Assignment 1, 20%; Assignment 2, 40%; Assignment 3, 40%).

The student will obtain a Not assessed/Not submitted course grade unless they have submitted more than 40% of the assessment items.

Procedure of review of marks

After completing each assessment activity, the teacher will inform the student about the date and review procedure of the marks.

Reassessment (it applies to both kinds of assessment)

Re-assessment for this subject will be undertaken on an item-by-item basis, for which the following conditions are applicable:

- The student must previously have submitted a minimum of two-thirds of the course-assessment items.
- Any item awarded a grade of less than 4 may be re-assessed. The grade for those items awarded 4 or higher will be included in the calculation of the global average grade for the subject.
- The maximum grade for re-assessed items is 5.

VERY IMPORTANT: Total or partial plagiarism of any of the exercises will automatically be considered "fail" (0) for the plagiarized item. Plagiarism is copying one or more sentences from unidentified sources, presenting it as original work (THIS INCLUDES COPYING PHRASES OR FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERNET AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATION TO A TEXT WHICH IS PRESENTED AS ORIGINAL). Plagiarism is a serious offense. Students must learn to respect the intellectual property of others, identifying any source they may use, and take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of the texts they produce.

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject. Irregularities refer, for instance, to copying in an exam, copying from sources without indicating authorship, or a misuse of AI such as presenting work as original that has been generated by an AI tool or programme. These evaluation activities will not be re-assessed.

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Software

Not applicable.

Language list

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(TEm) Theory (master)	1	English	first semester	morning-mixed