
Dette er studietilbudet for studieår 2020-2021.

This course is based on the introductory courses in English language and provides the students with advanced knowledge of one sub-discipline within English studies: Linguistics. The course deals with linguistic variation and change, with focus on international varieties of English. It is also designed to help students build up a theoretical and methodological framework for their linguistic BA theses.

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Course code:

ENG272_1

Credits (ECTS) : 15

Semester tuition

start: Spring

Duration: 1

Exam semester:

Spring

Language of

instruction: English

Offered by: Faculty of
Arts and Education,
Department of Cultural
Studies and Languages

Learning outcome

Knowledge

Upon completion of the course, the students will have gained knowledge of:

- The roles and uses of English as a first, second and foreign language worldwide
- The concepts of dialect, standard language, language variation and language change
- Different regional realisations of English within various linguistic categories, such as pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary
- Gender, age and social class as factors influencing speech variation
- The concept of language contact and specifically the effects of contact between English and other languages

Skills

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Reflect upon central theories, concepts and perspectives within the fields of sociolinguistics and international varieties of English
- Analyse and describe linguistic variation in English with regard to regional and social differences.
- Discuss different attitudes to language and in particular towards English worldwide
- Identify possible places of occurrence for specific linguistic features of English on a global scale

General competencies

Upon completion of the course, the students:

- Will be able to discuss aspects of language variation and change in an informed way
- Will have a good understanding of the roles and implications of English as a global language
- Will be better able to recognize different varieties of English and identify their main characteristics
- Will be able to express themselves correctly and academically both in writing and orally

Contents

This course provides an introduction to the study of linguistic variation and change, with focus on international varieties of English. The course deals both with regional variation and social variables such as age, gender and social class. It introduces the theoretical and methodological framework of sociolinguistics, which provides a basis both for the study of varieties within the course and for the students' work on their BA thesis. In addition, it considers English as a global language, including its geographical spread, cultural roles and attitudes towards its use. During the course, the class will study a range of varieties of English, representing the three 'circles' of global English: countries with English as a first language (e.g. Australia), as a second language (e.g. India) and as a language of increasing importance (e.g. Norway). We will identify linguistic features typical of particular varieties and learn to recognize speakers of different backgrounds. We will also discuss the ways in which English has influenced or is influenced by other languages as a result of language contact.

Required prerequisite knowledge

Students must have a minimum of 50 ECTS in introductory English courses or equivalent in order to begin the specialization.

BA students must have a minimum of 45 ECTS in introductory English courses or equivalent in order to begin the specialization.

Recommended prerequisites

One of the following alternatives:

ENG100 Introduction to the English Language, ENG105 British and Irish Literature, ENG140 The Sounds of English, ENG165 American Literature and Culture, ENG180 Uses of English with didactics
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Other course combinations may be approved if they are equivalent.

Exam

Midterm exam and oral exam

	Weight	Duration	Mark	Supporting materials
Midterm exam - written	1/3	4 hours	A - F	None permitted
Final exam - oral	2/3	30 minutes	A - F	None permitted

Both exams need to be passed in order to get the final course grade. English language and academic writing skills are taken into account in the grading, as well as the course content.

Coursework requirements

Group research project, 75% seminar attendance

The group research project must be presented in class and must be passed in order to be admitted to the exam. 75% seminar attendance is required to sit the exam.

Course teacher(s)

Course coordinator

Dina Lialikhova, Oliver Martin Traxel

Programme coordinator

Margrethe Melin

Method of work

Lectures/seminars.

Open to

Open to students accepted into the Bachelor programme (or Specialization) in English Language and Literature at the Department of Cultural Studies and Languages, provided that they have the prerequisite knowledge. Open to exchange students. Other students must apply within the given deadlines.

Course assessment

Quality control by students is a central element of the UiS plan to improve teaching. In the Department of Cultural Studies and Languages this system includes student evaluation of courses.

Literature

Litteratur/pensum blir publisert så snart det er klargjort av emneansvarlig/faglærer

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