COURSE DETAIL

VARIATION AND CHANGE IN LANGUAGE
Country France
Host Institution University of Bordeaux
Program(s) University of Bordeaux
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Linguistics
UCEAP Course Number 149
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title VARIATION AND CHANGE IN LANGUAGE
UCEAP Transcript Title VARIATN&CHANGE LANG
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the existence of phonetic variation and change in modern English, as well as tools to detect and analyze this variation. Far from being a theoretical course on the major changes that took place in the history of English, this course focuses on language as can be directly accessed using recent and contemporary sources and tools. The first part of the course discusses how pronunciation was indicated in older dictionaries as objects of knowledge and culture, starting from 16th and 17th century books, and mainly focusing on 18th to 20th century dictionaries. The second part investigates how a collection of dictionaries from various periods can be used as a relevant corpus to identify and explain phonetic variation and change in present-day English as well as from a historical perspective, including the way new linguistic features can be born and spread through the language. The final part of the course demonstrates how to collect, annotate, and analyze oral English. It includes an introduction to the use of the speech analysis software PRAAT.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus
UNIVERSITÉ BORDEAUX MONTAIGNE

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Master: Etudes anglophones

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