COURSE DETAIL

LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of London, Queen Mary
Program(s) University of London, Queen Mary
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Linguistics
UCEAP Course Number 142
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title LANGS OF THE WORLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course is an overview of the diversity in language structure and use around the world, and forms a key foundation for any student of linguistics. In order to appreciate the basic goals of linguistics as a discipline, students must appreciate the full scope of human language. The course will examine how different language families differ from one another in sounds, word formation, sentence formation, and usage. Using indigenous languages from diverse regions, such as Africa, Australia, Asia, and North America, we will explore the question of whether universal constraints limit the range of what is possible in human language, and if so, why such universals might exist. We will also consider diversity in how social and pragmatic functions are signaled by language use in different speech communities around the world, and the problems associated with language endangerment and death. The course will feed directly into both theoretical and social themes in future modules in linguistics degree programs.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
LIN4206

Host Institution Course Title
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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Queen Mary

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
linguistics

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