

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**

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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 Campus

Queen Mary

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

linguistics

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