COURSE DETAIL

LANGUAGE IN THE UNITED STATES
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Linguistics English
UCEAP Course Number 119
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title LANGUAGE IN THE UNITED STATES
UCEAP Transcript Title LANGUAGE IN USA
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

This course examines important historical, cultural, and social influences on language in the United States. We begin with an historical introduction to the English language in the United States, and then turn to other language varieties, such as Native American languages and languages of major immigrant communities (e.g., Spanish, Asian languages). We will also survey major forms of language variation, including regional dialects (e.g., Southern American English), social dialects, and other forms of socially patterned variation (e.g., youth language and slang). Furthermore, we will examine important controversies such as bilingual education and African American Vernacular English, as well as discuss topics such as language policy, language rights, and recent efforts to restrict and revitalize minority languages. Throughout the course, we will try to not only study language in the United States, but will also explore what this particular setting can reveal about issues of language and society in other contexts around the world.

This course will require students to engage in critical thinking, synthesizing information from a wide range of sources (e.g., textbook, academic journals, videos) on a wide range of topics pertaining to the language situation in the United States and participate actively in class activities (e.g., discussions, debates). Students will also engage in an independent research project, the results of which they will present both orally and in written form.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
MCC218E

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Host Institution Campus International Christian University
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Media, Communication and Culture
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