

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

Host Institution Course Title

LANGUAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

Host Institution Campus

International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Media, Communication and Culture

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