COURSE DETAIL

ENGLISH AS A GLOBAL LANGUAGE
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Padua
Program(s) Psychology and Cognitive Science, Padua
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History English
UCEAP Course Number 160
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ENGLISH AS A GLOBAL LANGUAGE
UCEAP Transcript Title ENGL AS GLOBAL LANG
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course explores the role of English as a global language and its impact on communication, culture, and identity, with a specific focus on plurilingualism. Students will critically examine the historical, social, and linguistic aspects of English as it has spread worldwide. The course will also address the challenges and opportunities plurilingual speakers encounter in using English as a tool for international communication. By the end of this course, students will understand the historical development and global role of English, including key theoretical frameworks such as World English's and English as a Lingua Franca (ELF). Develop intercultural communication skills and critically reflect on how English interacts with cultural identity, multilingualism, and power dynamics in diverse global contexts. Analyze the sociolinguistic, political, and educational implications of English’s global spread, and reflect on its impact on local languages, language policies, and future trends.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Human and Social Sciences and Cultural Heritage

Host Institution Degree
Second cycle degree in Historical Sciences

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed
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