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## Language (ALS) and linguistics : Sociolinguistics (2AN1108)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
<b>Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises</b>	<b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b>	<b>cont. continu</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication</b>	<b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b>	<b>cont. continu</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises</b>	<b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b>	<b>cont. continu</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication</b>	<b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b>	<b>cont. continu</b>	<b>5</b>

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

### Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

### Equipe enseignante:

Martin Hilpert

### Objectifs:

In this course, we will discuss

- why people that belong to different social groups talk in different ways
- in what ways the English language varies across social groups
- how research in sociolinguistics is carried out
- how language use relates to power and ideology

### Contenu:

Do women and men use language differently? Are dialects of English better or worse than Standard English? Is the grammar of English deteriorating because of email and text messaging? This course will address these and other questions by exploring the interconnections between language and society. We will discuss issues such as gender, power, culture, technology, and social identity, and link them to ways of doing hands-on linguistic analysis.

### Forme de l'évaluation:

Regular reading assignments (20%)  
Preparation of a research project with a project group (40%)  
A final exam (40%)

In order to pass the course as a whole, both the project assignment and the final exam need to be passable. Failure in either the project assignment or the final exam will incur a rattrapage of a longer term paper (approx. 6,000 words, 100%).

### Documentation:

Students are asked to buy a copy of the textbook "English with an accent"™ by Rosina Lippi-Green. Additional readings will be distributed electronically.

### Pré-requis:

Students need to have taken an introduction to linguistics.

### Forme de l'enseignement:

active project work, discussion