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Lecture course 1: Advanced Linguistics : Varieties of English around the World (2AN1100)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5

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

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

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English is a global language that is spoken all over the world. Besides British, American, Canadian, and Australian English, there are many more varieties: Indian English, Singapore English, Hong Kong English, Nigerian English, and many others. This course will be a rough guide to the global spread of English, and to the commonalities and differences of global varieties of English. We will listen to different English voices (in songs, speeches, and interviews) and analyze texts from different varieties. We will talk about accents and dialects spoken in England, as well as about international varieties such as Irish, Australian, and Indian English. For each variety we will discuss its socio-historical background and its characteristic linguistic properties, especially its grammatical peculiarities and its pronunciation. We will also discuss the role of standard varieties as opposed to regional varieties. A substantial part of the course will deal with the question how varieties of English can be compared against one another.

Forme de l'évaluation

A written exam (external evaluation)

Documentation

Students are expected to buy the course book by Edgar Schneider:

Schneider, Edgar. 2011. English around the world. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (paperback version)

Further readings will be distributed electronically.

Pré-requis

Students must have taken an introductory linguistics class and a phonetics class. Knowledge of IPA symbols is necessary.

Forme de l'enseignement

Lectures, group discussion, short student presentations

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Discuss the history of how English has spread around the world
- Identify different varieties of English on the basis of their pronunciation and linguistic features
- Describe how varieties of English can be grouped into different classes, and discuss what makes classification sometimes difficult
- Use on-line resources for the investigation and comparison of varieties of English

Compétences transférables

- Développer une argumentation avec un esprit critique
- Présenter des idées complexes avec clarté et précision
- Organiser les activités de manière à exploiter au mieux le temps imparti