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Lecture course 1: Advanced Linguistics: Englishes around the world (2AN1476)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	6

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

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

Martin Hilpert

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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

The assessments will be based on three items. The first is active participation in the class (20% of the overall grade). Students have to complete regular homework assignments and participate in online class activities and on-campus meetings. The second item is a group project (20% of the overall grade). Project groups should have 2-3 members. Each group will create a 5-minute podcast on a topic that targets a specific variety of English. The podcasts will be evaluated by the other project groups. The remaining 60% of the grade will be determined by an open-book written exam (2h) held in the examination period. You will be given precise information regarding the content of the exam towards the end of the semester.

The class is for bachelor students. Master students who wish to take the class need to complete an extra written assignment of 4000 words on a topic of their choice.

Modalités de rattrapage

The rattrapage exam will be an open-book written exam (2h) with the same conditions as the first exam.

Documentation

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

Schneider, Edgar. 2020. English around the world. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (paperback version)

Further readings will be distributed electronically.

Pré-requis

Introduction to Linguistics

Forme de l'enseignement

Lecture, discussion, group activities

Objectifs d'apprentissage

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

- Identify different varieties of English
- Discuss how English spread around the globe
- Describe how varieties of English can be grouped into different classes

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- Employ resources for the investigation of global varieties of English

Compétences transférables

- Review research literature
- Explain complex issues
- Organise a group activity