

Language and Society

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Course: English 4633/6633

Schedule: Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30-10:45 AM

Course Description: In this sociolinguistics course, we will examine connections between language and society. Through reading, writing, discussion, and research, we will address questions like:

- How do people use language to interact with each other?
- What roles do things like race, gender, sexuality, class, ability, geography, and globalization play in linguistic variation and shift?
- What are languages, dialects, accents, registers, and styles, and how do people reinforce and disrupt these categories?
- What are language ideologies, and how do they privilege and marginalize people?
- What kinds of research can you do to learn more about language?

No prior experience with linguistics is necessary: all students interested in language are welcome.

