UCLouvain

lgerm2821

English Linguistics: Varieties of English

2020

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	15.0 h	Q2

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This learning unit is not being organized during this academic year.

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Teacher(s)	Gilquin Gaëtanelle ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	This course provides students with a solid background in the study of regional and diatypic varieties of English. The first part of the course covers regional varieties of English. We will use Kachru's model which represents the use of English around the world as three concentric circles: inner circle (e.g. British or American English), outer circle (e.g. Indian or South African English) and expanding circle (English as a Foreign Language). The issues surrounding the emergence of a new standard for English (International English; English as a Lingua Franca) are also discussed. The second part of the course deals with diatypic varieties of English (i.e. registers defined in terms of field, mode and tenor). The following varieties are analysed: general English vs English for Specific Purposes; written vs spoken English; formal vs informal English. A wide range of written texts and transcriptions of speech are provided for commentary and analysis. The salient stylistic features are described in linguistic terms (grammatical, lexical and discourse features typical of the genre).
Aims	By the end of the course, students will be familiar with the key terms and concepts for studying variation related to both users and uses, and be able to identify and discuss the linguistic features that characterize several regional and diatypic varieties of English. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. During the term: oral presentation on a variety of English. A WORD OF CAUTION: students who have not given an oral presentation will have two marks deducted from their final grade. In June and/or September: extended individual paper on a variety of English.
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. Lectures and discussions based on scientific articles, exercises, etc.
Content	This course introduces the key terms and concepts for studying geographical variation in English.
Inline resources	Moodle
Faculty or entity in charge	ELAL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Master [120] in Linguistics	LING2M	5		Q	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M1	5		Q	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M	5		٩	
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Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	GERM2M1	5		Q	