UCLouvain

English Linguistics: Varieties of English

5.00 credits

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Teacher(s)	Gilquin Gaëtanelle ;				
Language :	English				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Prerequisites	/				
Main themes	This course provides students with a solid background in the study of geographical varieties of English. It starts from the special status of English as a global language and goes on to show how this status has led to the emergence of many different varieties of English around the world.				
	Several models will be introduced which have sought to represent the diversity of English varieties, including Kachru's model of the three concentric circles and Schneider's dynamic model of postcolonial Englishes. The issues surrounding the possible emergence of a new standard for English (International English; English as a Lingua Franca) will also discussed.				
Learning outcomes	 At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : master the key terms and concepts for studying the geographical variation of a language. He will also be able to identify and analyse the linguistic features that characterize several varieties of English, and to critically discuss issues surrounding the use of English as a global language. 				
Evaluation methods	 In this course, students are assessed in two ways: During the term: oral presentation on a variety of English. 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. The use of generative artificial intelligence is not allowed for the preparation or writing of this paper. As we are aiming to train language specialists, particular attention will be paid to language accuracy in the oral presentation and the individual paper. 				
Teaching methods	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	Learning outcomes	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M1	5		٩	
Master [60] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M1	5		٩	
Master [120] in Linguistics	LING2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English	GERM2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE2M	5		٩	