

Course Outline: Language in its Social Context

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND LINGUISTICS

Course Code

AP/LING 2400 3.0 M

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to language as a social phenomenon. Topics include: approaches to the study of language in its social context; linguistic diversity and societal multilingualism; language planning and policy (with special focus on Canada); the role of language in social stereotypes and identity; social norms and language use; the relationship of language to culture and thought; speech communities and social networks; the effects of social factors on language variation; language change; and the linguistic consequences of language contact.

No prerequisites.

Course Delivery

In-person. One 2-hour lecture and one 1-hour tutorial weekly.

Course Materials

TBD.

Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines

TBD.