Course Syllabus, Winter 2015

Mon, Weds 11:00-12:15
SH 3605

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Course Description

• This course is an overview of English varieties in the US and around the world.
• Prerequisites: Linguistics 20 (Language and Linguistics) or equivalent. Ling 106 and/or Ling 107 are not prerequisites but do provide a solid background. Please contact me if you need help catching up on IPA details.

Course website https://gauchospace.ucsb.edu/

Grade components:

Assignments (4) 50%
Mid-term exam (take home) 25%
Final exam (Mar 19 at 12 pm) 25%
Participation 0% ±5

Proposed schedule of topics and readings (subject to change)

Wk 1 Jan 5 - 7 basic concepts, California, Canada Wells 1-2, ANAE 1-3
Wk 2 Jan 12 - 14 Midlands, Northern Cities Wells 6.1; ANAE 14, 19, 20
Assignment 1 Due
Wk 3 Jan 21 New England, New York, Philadelphia Wells 6.3-6.4; ANAE 16, 17
Assignment 2 Due
Wk 4 Jan 26 - 28 The South, Appalachia, Islanders Wells 6.5-6.6; ANAE 18
Blake & Josey (2003); Wolfram & Schilling-Estes (1996ab)
Wk 5 Feb 2 - 4 Canada, Atlantic Canada ANAE 15; Wells 6.2
Boberg (2008)
Midterm exam (take home)
Wk 6 Feb 9 - 11 UK esp. London Wells 4.1-4.2
Wk 7 Feb 18 England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland Wells 4.3-4.4, 5
Assignment 3 Due
Wk 8 Feb 23 - 25 Australia, New Zealand, South Africa Wells 8.1-8.3
Wk 9 Mar 2 - 4 Post-colonial varieties Wells 7.1-7.2, 9.3
Assignment 4 Due
Wk 10 Mar 9 - 11 The Carribean, Hawaii, wrap-up Wells 9.1-9.2

Readings


Additional readings are available from the course website
Policies:

- If you have questions about an assignment, please ask in class or bring them to office hours. Assignments must be typed. Use unicode fonts as needed.
- Assignments are due at specific times online. Late assignments will accrue a 10% penalty assessed for each subsequent 24-hour period (including weekends), up to five days after the due date. Late assignments are not accepted once the assignment has been handed back. If you wish to submit an assignment early you may do so, but editing after due time renders it late.
- You must write up your own assignments. If you worked with other students on an assignment, note their name on your assignment.
- The Participation component of your grade is by default even. It may be boosted by active or thoughtful contribution and participation in class. It may be reduced by disruptiveness or distraction in class.
- If you miss class, please do not ask for powerpoint slides. Ask a friend to lend you notes.
- I will only post selected powerpoint slides, not the entirety of each lecture.
- Disruptiveness in lectures and section will not be tolerated and will result in grade reductions. This includes using phones, laptops, or tablets for anything other than course material.
- Rergrade requests must be done in writing. Rergrades due to clerical (i.e. mathematical) errors will simply be recalculated. Other rergrading requests will subject your assignment or exam to undergo complete rergrading.
- All students are expected to understand and comply with university policies regarding plagiarism and originality of work. Plagiarized assignments (including copying of a friend’s homework) will receive a grade of 0 and may result in additional disciplinary action.
- All course materials (class lectures and discussions, handouts, examinations, web materials) and the intellectual content of the course itself are protected by United States Federal Copyright Law and the California Civil Code. UC Policy 102.23 expressly prohibits students (and all other persons) from recording lectures or discussions and from distributing or selling course materials without the prior written permission of the instructor (See http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710530/PACAO5-100). Students are permitted to make notes solely for their own private educational use. Exceptions to accommodate students with disabilities may be granted with appropriate documentation.

Getting Help

- University policy dictates that requests for accommodation be initiated by the student. If you need accommodations for exams or have other learning needs that your TA or instructor should be aware of, you may request accommodations by contacting the Disabled Students Program.

  1201 SAASB
  (805) 893-2668
  URL: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/dsp

- UCSB has numerous resources to assist students in psychological or emotional distress. If you or someone you know needs assistance, the following services are available to you:

  Student Mental Health Coordination Services 805-893-3030
  Social Work Services 805-893-3087
  CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) 805-893-4411 (avail. 24/7)
  Building 599
  http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/

- Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, and age. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can seek assistance from UCSB CARE (Campus Advocacy Resources and Education).

  Women's Center, SRB 1220
  805-893-4613
  http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/CARE/

- If you feel unsafe and/or a situation requires immediate attention, call Campus Police (911 or 805-893-3446). The campus police force provides UCSB with 24-hour emergency response services for medical, psychiatric, and safety concerns.