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UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA
FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



COURSE SYLLABUS 2023-2024

Varieties of English language

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Contact classes: 4 ECTS, 20 lectures, 20 seminars

Academic year, term: Second year of study, second semester

Course type: compulsory

Curricular Course: English Language

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Code of Ethics: Code of ethics of UT (Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 9)

SUMMARY AND LEARNING OUTCOMES The course in “Varieties of English language” makes part of the Bachelor three-year programme provided at University of Tirana, Faculty of Foreign Languages, English Department. The course dwells on issues of the linguistic variation in English language as related to the different disciplines of study of linguistic geography, sociolinguistics, etc. and other linguistic disciplines of semantics, phonetics, grammar, etc. adopting a synchronic approach. Certain issues of the diachronic development of the linguistic variation of the English language and some cultural features of the different varieties of English make part of the course programme, as well.

Course objectives:

The objectives of the course in “Varieties of English” are:

- To equip the students with the necessary information pertaining to the varieties of English language and linguistic variation as related to the theories of linguistic geography, sociolinguistics, etc. and other linguistic disciplines of semantics, grammar, phonetics, orthography, etc.,
- To develop students’ skills in order to make an accurate usage of the major varieties of English language.
- To impart a great deal of knowledge in how to most effectively make use of the different dictionaries and texts related to the major varieties of English language, so that the students can work independently for a better acquisition of the English language in its major varieties and have a better insight into the linguistic variation of the English language.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- demonstrate good knowledge on the major theoretical issues of linguistic and cultural variation related to the development and usage of English language;
- show and make use of the semantic, lexical, grammatical, phonetic and stylistic differences between British English and American English and other varieties of the English language;
- reflect some good knowledge on the British, American, Australian, etc. culture and society closely intertwined with the linguistic differences and features;
- analyse texts, listening tracts in British English, American English, etc. and dwell on their specific linguistic features.