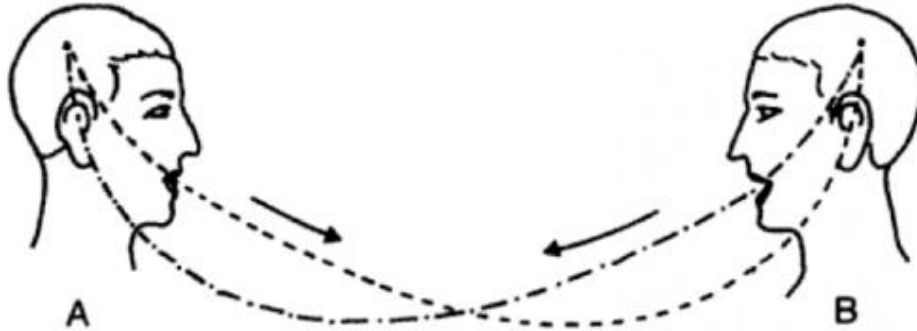


ENGL 221 The English Language

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TR 4:00-5:15 (CRN 84350)



This is not a class about grammar nor the history of the English language, though we'll likely touch on those. This course is about the *nature* of language: meaning, structure, variation, and change. We'll also discuss how language variation helps construct social meaning. You'll practice analyzing language and challenge your own beliefs about language.

Course Specific Learning Outcomes:

- ⇒ Display an understanding of human language.
- ⇒ Recognize the difference between prescriptive and descriptive approaches to language.
- ⇒ Describe the nature of language variation.
- ⇒ Use linguistic concepts to solve language problems.
- ⇒ Analyze natural language, predominantly English.

Regular attendance and enthusiastic participation are required. Expect frequent homework.

Restrictions:

Must have sophomore standing or above.

Required materials:

An Introduction to Language. Kirk Hazen. Wiley-Blackwell. 2015.