

English 221: The English Language (CRN: 88950)

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Purpose: To enjoy the complexity of language! Additionally, the purpose of this course is also to direct you in rigorously studying language in general and the English language in particular.

Course Objectives:

- To learn how to analyze language
- To explore the modern concepts of the mental grammar
- To confront the assumptions of traditional prescriptivism
- To develop a non-patronizing respect for language variation
- To understand the role of social forces on language variation

Text: *An Introduction to Language* by Kirk Hazen, Wiley-Blackwell, 2015

Grades:

Graded Work	Percent of final grade
Quizzes	30%
Homework	30%
Graded Assignments	40