

# LING 391: World Englishes Preliminary Course Outline Fall 2020

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## **Course description:**

LING 391 introduces students to the history of the English language including the Germanic invasions of Britain in 449, the development of dialect regions in Britain during Old English and Middle English, and the spread of English around the world in recent centuries. Selected varieties found in Europe, the Americas, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Australasia will be examined in terms of their linguistic characteristics and/or their status in society.

Course content will be fully online and asynchronous, that is no “real-time” sessions will be required. Students will be invited to attend optional Zoom sessions where we will review current topics and answer questions. These sessions will be recorded so they are available to students who are unable to attend the live sessions.

## **Proposed Evaluation:**

Online assignments = 10%

Critical summary paper = 15%

Midterm = 15%

Journal article presentation = 20%

Final exam = 40%

**Text:** *World Englishes*, 3rd ed. (2019) Gunnel Melchers, Philip Shaw, and Peter Sundkvist. London: Routledge.

Additional readings from the current literature will be available online.

