

*interested in
language
& languages?*

LING 101 History of the American Languages

MWF 11:30am - 12:20pm | Susan Tamasi

In 101 we explore a range of questions about language, society and politics in the US:

- What languages and dialects have been used within the US?
- Why do people believe some language varieties are better than others?
- Who decides what's "correct"?
- What political conflicts arise around language (such as bilingual education, or inclusive language and non-binary pronouns like they/them)?
- What are the advantages, meanings, and consequences of using languages other than English (such as Muskogee, Cherokee, Spanish, Chinese, Cajun French, American Sign Language) or non-standard varieties of English (such as African-American English, Chicano English, Southern English or NYC English), at home, in schools, at work, in the government and media?
- How can learning about all this help you to understand yourself and others in American society?

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linguistics
101 or 201!*

LING 201 Foundations of Linguistics

TTh 10:00 - 11:15am; F 10:00 - 10:50am | Erica Britt

In 201 (x-listed as ANT 203) we explore a range of questions about language as a universal human capacity and how languages work as central aspects of all human cultures:

- What are languages for? How do languages work?
- How do we articulate and analyze speech sounds (phonetics)?
- How are sounds organized (phonology)?
- How do we form, learn, produce and analyze words (morphology) and sentences (syntax)?
- How do we communicate meaning through language (semantics)?
- What kinds of meaning can we create and interpret in diverse contexts (pragmatics)?
- How and why do languages change & vary (historical linguistics, sociolinguistics)?
- How do we learn languages (language acquisition)? What connections exist between language, thought, and culture?
- How can learning about all this help you to use/learn languages and reflect on the place of language in human cultures?

Can I take these in any order?

Yes, you can take one or both in either order.

Can I take these without prereqs?

Yes, they are both introductory courses.

