Global Englishes (210-001)  
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This course is about the English language—spoken everywhere by everybody—or so it seems.

We will discover that as English has spread around the globe, radical changes to local languages and cultures have occurred. At the same time, however, English itself has been modified, adapted, and expanded, sometimes in unfamiliar and unrecognizable ways.

We will start with the roots of English in the British Isles and move onto its introduction and development in North America, Australia, Africa, Asia, and Europe. We will study several principal examples in detail, including the different ways that people speak English. In doing so, we will also investigate many issues that accompany language globalization, such as, language change, loss of language and identity, language policy and standardization, teaching and learning English, and the future of the language.

The required textbook will be determined soon. It will be either (A) or (B):


Additional readings will be provided electronically.

This course is approved for the Humanities GER, L&S Humanities Breadth, and L&S International Requirements, and it is an elective in Global Studies. There are no prerequisites other than fluency in a variety of English.