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<b>Thema/Titel .....</b>	<b>Sociolinguistics</b> [ENGAGE-M4, AA-V1ab, AA-V2ab, ENG-10, ENG-11, ASW/MOTION]
<b>Art der Veranstaltung.....</b>	<b>Seminar II/ III</b>
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### **Course description**

Language is not static but dynamic and it is not homogenous but an ordered heterogeneity. This means that language use differs systematically between certain social groups and that language change does not occur randomly but follows well-trodden pathways.

During this course students will explore systematic layering of language use in society and be familiarized with re-occurring patterns of language change. In this course, students are introduced to variationist sociolinguistics which is the study of language variation and change not only through reading of some of the milestones of variationist research and from a theoretical perspective but they will also take a hands-on, practical approach and deal with actual data.

Topics to be addressed in this seminar are “who are leaders of change”, “types of changes”, “variation among styles and registers”, “the locus of change: teenage speech”, “age, gender, and class: typical patterns of changes”, “change from above and below”, “current changes”, “historical changes and historical sociolinguistics”, “the spread of innovations”. Students will also be familiarized with basic methods of data analysis which will enable them to write quality empirical term papers.

The reading for this course will be made available once the course starts.