

Variation in English

Course Materials: Collated handouts from relevant sources.

List of supplementary sources: Same as given to students by Pro. Hussein Yaghy

Assessment: Mid-term 30; Project 30; Final 40 marks

Course schedule

Week Topic/reading materials

1. Variation: nature and dimensions
2. Rationale for variation
3. Primordial variation: speech vs. writing
4. Domains of speech and writing
5. Speech units and units of writing
6. macro- and micro- frameworks of analysis
7. Text analysis
8. Unmarked and marked sequences
9. Information packaging
10. Authoring dimensions and persona
11. Speech acts
12. Registers
13. Registers, continued
14. Un-common registers: race calling; auctioneering
15. Text contrasting
16. Final