

English 102: The Power of Language
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Why do people have accents? What does it mean to say that colorless green ideas sleep furiously? Where does profanity come from? Although we sometimes wonder about language, most of the time language is like air: all around us, yet completely unnoticed. But it's important to notice language because language is how we shape and express our identities, interact with and control others, and try to make sense of the world. Here at the University, language is important to just about every academic and professional discipline, including the arts, humanities, and sciences. In this course, you'll have the opportunity to study language and how we use it by engaging in both traditional and hands-on research. To supplement your research, we'll be looking at texts from a wide range of authors, from St. Augustine to David Sedaris, as well as film, media, and digital texts.