

**Sociolinguistics
English/Linguistics 471**

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OBJECTIVES:

This course is intended to familiarize you with the fundamental concepts of sociolinguistics—the study of the interplay of linguistic, social, and cultural factors in human interaction. Readings will focus on the norms and patterns which condition language use and interpretation.

TEXT

Language, Society, and Power, Thomas & Waring, 2004 (LSP)
Introducing Sociolinguistics, Mesthrie, et al., 2000 (Intro)
Articles online

BASIS FOR EVALUATION

3 empirical studies, each worth 25% of the final grade, on

- **FOLK LINGUISTICS**
- **LANGUAGE VARIATION**
- **GENDER VARIATION**

Participation, 25%

Additional presentation for students taking the course for graduate credit