

# Language, Literacy and Culture

Taught by Dr. Terry Meier, this course examines the relationships between language and social identities like culture, class, race, ethnicity, and gender. It focuses particularly on dialectal varieties of English such as African American English, Spanish-influenced varieties of English, and Caribbean Creole varieties. The course considers issues of dialectal diversity with their broad sociopolitical and philosophical contexts, paying particular attention to how language discrimination functions within the context of other forms of systematic oppression in our society. The course explores methods of helping students develop their oral and written language abilities within a learning environment that draws upon the full range of their linguistic abilities and traditions.

**Course Times:** Thursdays 4:00-6:30 PM  
9/6/2017 - 12/15/2017

**Course Code:** HDF 702

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