

**Course title:** American Linguistics: American English (American Dialects)

**Course code:** MSA0814

**Type of course:** compulsory

**Level of course:** MA

**Year of study:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Semester:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Number of ECTS credits allocated:** 6

**Name of the lecturer:** Adrian Poruciuc

**Course objective:** The course, held in English, is meant to familiarize students with diatopic and diastratic varieties of today's American English, with a special focus on spoken language.

**Course contents:** (a) The lectures will contain presentations of aspects such as the origins of diverse varieties of American English, the dialectal map of the USA, specific features of the standard known as *General American* (GA), in comparison with varieties regarded as non-standard. (b) During seminars, students will analyze samples of AmE, namely texts in eye-dialect, and oral AmE as recorded on tapes and CDs.

**Recommended reading:** Baugh, A.C./ Th. Cable, 1978. *A History of the English Language*. Prentice Hall; Marckwardt, A.H./ R. Quirk, 1965. *A Common Language, British and American English*, U.S.I.A.; Mencken, H., 1967. *The American Language*, NY: Knopf; Poruciuc, A., 2004. *A Concise History of the English Language*. Iași: Demiurg; Reed, C.E., 1967. *Dialects of American English*, Massachusetts U.P.

**Teaching methods:** interactive lectures, workshop-seminars

**Assessment methods:** essays; final test (recorded-sample analysis)

**Language of instruction:** English