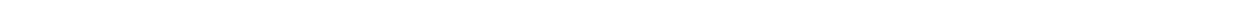


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Linguistics and Weeds

- Our jobs include informing students, faculty and administrators about the value of linguistics just like gardeners and nutritionists have to promote the value of weeds.
 - Edible
 - Nutritional
 - Beautiful



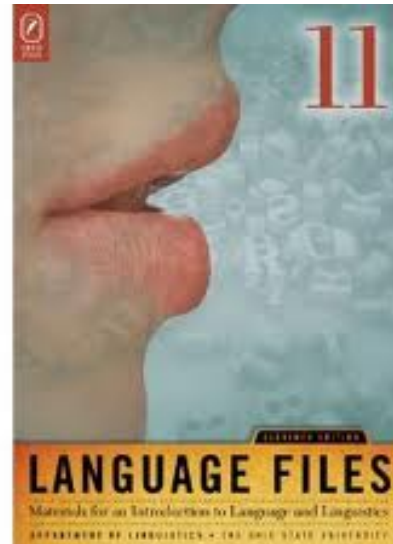
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Common Myths

- They sound funny in the south.
- We should all speak English. It's American!
- Don't take Chinese/Arabic/German/Russian. It's too hard!
- If they don't know English, they don't belong in school.
- You can't say "I seen it." That's bad grammar!
- *Ain't* ain't a word!
- If I pay \$200 for this DVD set, I'll be speaking German in just a couple of months!

Linguistics is Foundational

- K-12 Language Arts Educators
- Studying any language, including your native one
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- TESOL
- Writing
- Anthropology



Linguistics in General Education

What are the areas of your general education program?



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- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Cultural Studies
- Diversity
- World Cultures
- Self and Society

Linguistics in General Education at UCA

- Language, Culture & Society

- Freshmen level
- Social Science and Diversity
- provides students with a general understanding of human linguistic behavior and cognition. Students will explore language origins, diversity, mechanism for change, and the similarities and differences of speech across social groups, as well as compare their own linguistic culture to that of another.



Linguistics in General Education at UCA

- World Languages

- Sophomore level

- Humanities and Critical Analysis

- This course provides an introduction to the world's languages from geographical, historical, social, and psychological perspectives. Emphasis is on the diversity of the world's languages as well as their underlying unity.



Linguistics in Other Programs

- African/African American Studies*
- Anthropology*
- Creative Writing*
- Education*
- English*
- Languages*
- Writing*
- Communication Sciences & Disorders, Psychology, Philosophy, Gender Studies, Computer Science, etc.
 - *Majors/minors and graduate programs at UCA that require or use linguistics courses as electives



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