*Title and Code of Course*: ERPB-BAN 3162 Varieties of English

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Credit Point Value:	Number of Lessons	Type of Course:	Method of Evaluation:
6	per Week: 2	Seminar 🛛	Oral Examination $\Box$
		Lecture 🗆	In-Class Presentation
			Other 🛛

## **Course Description:**

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the major varieties of the English language—to familiarise them with their linguistic features as well as with their socio-cultural background. In most of the classes we will watch a video on the variety of English in question, which will be followed by a short discussion. The videos will also be used for enlarging students' vocabulary. One of the major aims of this course is to make students aware of the fact that any language may have and indeed has several varieties which are equally "correct" from the linguistic point of view. Students will be required to sit for two in-class tests, and they will also have to write a short summary of a text related to one of the topics covered by the course.

Note that not more than 3 classes can be missed.

## Bibliography:

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