

## LING 232: Language and Society

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### **Course Description:**

This class provides students with a general introduction to what languages are like, how they are used and how they vary, focusing on how language interacts with society and culture. Some questions that will be addressed include:

Why doesn't everyone speak the same language?

Do men and women talk differently?

What is the relationship between endangered species and endangered languages?

How does language influence our thoughts or behaviors?

**Prerequisites:** none

**Major Assignments:** (Midterm Exam, Final Term Paper, Class Presentations)

**Textbook:** Walters, K. & Brody, M. (2005). *What's language got to do with it?* New York: W. W. Norton & Company. ISBN 0-393-97884-2