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| Title of the subject: **Varieties of American English** | Credit value: **4** |
| Category of the subject: **optional** | |
| Extent of the theoretical or practical nature of the subject, "*educational character*": **100% pract**. | |
| Type of the class: **sem**. and number of classes: **26** in the given semester  (*if the subject is (partially) taught in any language other than Hungarian, then the language*:***English****)*  Further (*specific*) forms, characteristics[[1]](#footnote-1) of the transfer of the given knowledge *(if any)*: ……………………….. | |
| Form of testing (exam / pract. mark / other): **pract.mark**  Further (*specific*) forms to be applied in [[2]](#footnote-2) knowledge testing*(if any)*: …………………….. | |
| Position of the subject in the curriculum (number of the semester): 4th | |
| Required preliminary studies *(if any)*:**BBNAN00900** | |

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| Description of the subject: the brief, still informative description of the knowledge to be attained |
| The course aims to provide an overview of the linguistic variation of English in the US. Topics: The place of American English in the system of English accents and dialects. An overview of the historical emergence of American English. Major aspects of regional and social variation. Ethnicity (with special focus on AAVE and Chicano English). Levels of dialect: lexical differences; slang; phonological differences; grammatical differences. |
| List of the most important 2–5 pieces of *required* and *recommended* literature (lecture notes, handbooks) with bibliographical details (author, title, edition information (or specific pages), ISBN) |
| WOLFRAM, W., SCHILLING, N., American English: *Dialects and Variation*, 3rd edition, Malden/Oxford, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016. ISBN 978-1-118-39022-1.  WELLS, J. C., Accents of English, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1982. ISBN 0-521-22919-7. 0-521-22919-7 (vol. 1), ISBN 0-521-24224-X (vol. 2), ISBN 0-521-24225-8 (vol. 3).  KORTMANN, B., SCHNEIDER, E. W. (eds.), A Handbook of Varieties of English, Berlin/New York, Mouton de Gruyter, 2004. ISBN 9783110175325.  LABOV, W. et al., The Atlas of North American English, Berlin, Mouton de Gruyter, 2006. ISBN 3-11-016746-8.  FINEGAN, E., *English in North America*, in HOGG, R., DENISON, D. (eds.), *A history of the English language*, pp. 384–419, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2006. ISBN 9780511166402. |

1. e.g. case discussions, role play, thematic presentations, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. e.g. hand-in assignments, such as case studies, elaboration of specific topics, compositions, essays, business and organizational plans, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)