

ENG345 Selected topic in English linguistics IV

English(es) in contact

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Contact – between closely-related varieties of Germanic and then English, and contact with other languages – has been a major force in shaping the English language throughout its history. This course explores the ways in which dialect and language contact interact to produce such diverse outcomes as standard English, New Zealand English, the New Englishes of former British and American colonies, and pidgin and creole varieties.

Reading

The main textbook for this course is:

Daniel Schreier & Marianne Hundt, *English as a contact language*. Cambridge University Press (2013).

A list of further reading and a detailed weekly reading list will be available from mid-January.