Language and Culture  Summer 2014

Topic Examples

What is language?
How does language compare to other animal forms of communication?

Non Spoken Languages
Sign Language and Whistled Languages

Is the internet ruining our language?
Spoiler alert: It is not!

Language in political ideologies
Do Democrats and Republicans say the same thing in the same way?

Hip Hop Nation Language
How does music and poetry affect dialects?

What is Spanglish?
Seriously, what is it?

Language and Culture is in everything that makes us human.

Students will learn how language functions differ across cultures and how anthropologists have interpreted topics ranging from the origins of humans to language phenomena in present day discourses.

This course is divided into three units.

Unit 1: The Nature of Language

Unit 2: Language as Social Phenomena and Social Action

Unit 3: Multilingualism

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