ENGL 3955, Language in the African American Community (Lang Af Am Comm)

Description
Language in the African American Community examines the cultural and linguistic characteristics which define and connote language use among people of African descent in America. Essentially an ethnolinguistic study of African American Vernacular, the course includes a description of communities, a history of origins, analyses of grammar, lexicon, and discourse; and the issues surrounding language variation in America.

Objectives
- Know the external influences on language difference and language change.
- Understand how vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and discourse make one language variety different from another.
- Understand how language differences affect the oral and written discourse of a speech community.
- Analyze comparatively the features of one variety of a language for its differences from and/or similarities to other varieties.