Engl 8990, Southern American English

“... far more has been written about Southern English than any other variety or collections of varieties of American English... Americans have been and continue to be fascinated with the region and its speech, and with Southern culture in general”


**Description.** This course in Southern American English examines the fundamental linguistic characteristics that distinguish the language as it is used in everyday speech, oral texts, literature, and popular writings. The study also includes historical and critical perspectives on varieties of Southern speech (Where did Southern American English come from? Is there a Standard Southern English?), creoles (Gullah and Louisiana Creole), literary dialect (How are Southerners portrayed in literature?), and language attitudes (Does talking Southern influence learning and social acceptance?).

**Objectives**
1. Understand the external factors that contribute to the development of Southern American English
2. Understand the internal language components that constitute Southern American English.
3. Analyze critically the lexical, grammatical, and discourse characteristics of Southern American English.