

CRN	Course	Course Title	Term	Credits	Status
43814	WRT 105E	LANGUAGE, IDENTITY, AND POWER	Fall 2018	4.0	Closed

Schedule:	Day	Begin	End	Building	Room
	TR	1230	1345	RRLIB	304

Enrollment:	Section Enroll	Section Cap
	10	10

Class Info: YOU MUST REGISTER FOR RECITATION (43846) WHEN REGISTERING FOR THIS COURSE.

Instructors: COYNE J

Description: This class explores the relationship between language, identity, and power. We will consider how culturally specific metaphors—metaphors about family, politics, and gender—shape our perceptions about the legitimacy of certain forms of power. Considering the link between dialect and racial identity, we'll explore why some dialects, like African American English, are considered inferior to Standard English, and if there is evidence to support such views. And lastly, we'll examine the nature of academic language and authority, and explore ways of using academic language without losing our own voices in the process. To pursue these questions, you will need to understand how language works as a formal system, a historical process, and a source of cultural identity. We'll read authors such as George Lakoff, John McWhorter, and Gloria Anzaldua. You will write a few short papers and an 8-10 page argumentative research paper. The writing process will involve drafting, revision, peer response, and self-reflection.

URL: <http://writing.rochester.edu/index.html>

Offered: Fall Spring

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