ENGL7538/8538 explores the growing diversity of the U.S. population and the implications for teaching English as a Second Language. The course gives students a perspective on how language and culture interact, with a focus on issues such as World Englishes, multicultural education, culture shock, and cultural preconceptions. Students will be able to explore these issues as they relate to the second language classroom (e.g. expectations, acquisition rate) and second language learners (e.g. learning styles, learner needs).