Like any variety of language, African-American English is defined by two things: its structure (the rules that govern how sentences are formed, what they mean, and how they are pronounced), and its use in social context (the social implications of using particular structures at particular times). This course focuses on the structural properties of this language variety. Students will learn to use sentence data to test hypotheses about language structure while surveying some of the more important syntactic and semantic properties of this particular language variety.