Humanities 15
Language and Identity:
“DROPPING THE F-BOMB”
Summer Session II
TWR 10:00-11:40AM
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This course is designed to introduce you to basic principles of social science inquiry, data analysis, and writing through the exploration of TABOO LANGUAGE, including EXPLETIVES, PROFANITY, VULGARITY, and INSULTS. Concepts include:

!@# What sets a “bad” word apart from a “neutral” word meaning the exact same thing?

!@# Why is speech censored? Why do we bleep out words on television and the radio and is this effective?

!@# What can we learn about our values, fears, expectations, and history by looking more closely at taboo language?

GE (Old): Arthum, Div, and Wrt
GE (New): AH or SS and WE
* NO PREREQUISITES *