Principles of Language Study
Linguistics 3060.001
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Required Text:
The text for the class is available on Blackboard. It is downloadable or you can read it online.

Course Description: This is an introductory linguistics course that will focus on, but is not limited to, phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, language acquisition, language variation, language and gender, global English, and language change.

Attendance: You are allowed 4 unexcused absences; 5-7 unexcused absences will significantly lower your course grade; anything over 7 will be an automatic F.

Classroom Behavior: This class is a collective, so students will learn and engage not only from lectures but also from whole class discussions, online group discussions, in-class group collaborations, and pair work; so it is imperative that all students show respect to one another and me. Please refrain from texting, sleeping, chatting and working on other projects. If your behavior is disruptive to classroom harmony, I will speak with you privately to resolve the problem.

Blogs and Podcast: Learning in the collective involves going outside the walls of the classroom, so as part of your linguistic exploration you will select a Linguists blog or podcast to follow throughout the semester. I will provide a list of Linguistics blogs, but students are encouraged to explore and find new ones. We will discuss the topics you follow in class and in online group discussions on a weekly basis.
Language Variation Presentations: Early in the semester, students will select a dialect of English to study, document, research and ultimately create a presentation to the class. I will provide you with plenty of samples and guidelines and we will spend time in class working on this project. Students may choose to work in pairs or small groups. I’ll sign off on all selected dialects and creative aspects of the project.

Grade Assessment

4 exams @ 15 % each
Presentation 30%
Participation/attendance 10%

Daily Schedule

Aug.
29 Course introduction; What is linguistics?

Sept.
3 Film: “Colonize This!” Part 1
5 Phonetic Alphabet; the consonants; bring note cards to class.
10 Vowels and diphthongs
12 Syllabics, vowels, diphthongs
17 Reverse transcription exercise
19 Phonetics games.
24 Phonology-intro
26 Phonemes and allophones

Oct.

1 Exam # 1
3 Morphology Introduction: Bound and Free
8 Inflectional and Derivational morphemes
10 Morphology exercises
15 In-class project: design a product’ group activity
17 Exam #2
22 Syntax: introduction; open classes, closed classes, lexical categories.
24 Phrases: noun, verb, prepositional; take-home test.
29 Verb types; exercises
31 Exam # 3 take-home test due.

Nov.

5 Language Variation Introduction; Film: Do You Speak American
7 Variation at all levels
12 Language Attitudes and Linguistic Profiling
14 Practice documenting dialects of English; samples of past presentations.
19 Language Acquisition introduction: TED talks by Deb Roy and Patricia Kuhl
21 Levels of Acquisition
26 Second-language acquisition; bilingualism; Exam #4 Language Acquisition (take-home)

28 Thanksgiving holiday

Dec.
3 Presentations in class
5 Presentations in class

Final exam: TBA

Acceptable Student Behavior:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr

I. The Linguistics and Technical Communications Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability, which requires accommodation under the terms of the
Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please provide your request by email within the first week.

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II. You must inform either the professor or the teaching assistant in advance of any circumstance that will cause you to miss a scheduled quiz date and/or time. There will be no make-up quizzes except under extreme circumstances.

III. Each student is expected to do his or her own work. This is important when working on group projects, when citing research for assignments, when posting to discussions, or when answering test questions. Plagiarism and cheating - academic dishonesty - are serious offenses and will not be tolerated in this class. Students who plagiarize or cheat will be referred to the office of the provost and will receive a failing grade in the class. For more information on the university's policy on academic dishonesty please consult the UNT Code of Student Conduct and Discipline at http://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2004-05/upolicies.html.

IV. Drop Information http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/scheduleclass.html