Principles of Language Study
Linguistics 3060.004
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Required Text:
Linguistics for Everyone Kristin Denham and Anne Lobeck
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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 3 unexcused absences; 4-6 unexcused absences will significantly lower your course grade; anything over 6 will be an automatic F.

Classroom behavior: We will engage in whole class discussions, 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 and give you a warning. After that, you will meet with the department that handles behavior problems. If you need/want to use a laptop, you must get my permission in advance.
**Group/Pair Poster Sessions (presentations):** Early in the semester, students will either select or be placed in a group. Each group or pair will research and present information about a dialect of world English. These poster sessions will incorporate all levels of language (phonetics, morphology, syntax, lexicon, etc). I will work with each group to help with resources and ideas for their presentation. We’ll view “Colonize This! A pop cultural exploration of English dialects throughout the world” to get started. Additionally, we’ll connect this project to every unit we study. We’ll use the last week of class for the poster presentations.

**Grade Assessment**

4 exams @ 15 % each  
Poster presentation 20%  
Variation assignment 10%  
Participation/attendance 10%

**Daily Schedule**

**Aug.**  
25 Course introduction; What is linguistics? Read chapters 1 and 3.  
30 Film: “Colonize This!”

**Sept.**  
1 Phonetic Alphabet; the consonants; bring note cards to class.  
6 Vowels and diphthongs  
8 Syllabics, vowels, diphthongs  
13 Reverse transcription exercise  
15 Phonetics games; read chapter 4.

20 Phonology-intro  
22 Phonemes and allophones  
27 Exam # 1; read chapter 5  
29 Morphological processes; ‘design a product’ group activity

**Oct.**  
4 Inflectional and Derivational morphemes  
6 Morphology exercises  
11 Exam #2; read chapter 7.  
13 Syntax: introduction; open classes, closed classes, lexical categories.
18 Phrases: noun, verb, prepositional; take-home test.
20 Verb types; exercises
25 Exam # 3 take-home test due.
27 Language Acquisition (handouts)

Nov.
1 Language acquisition
3 Levels of acquisition: second-language acquisition; bilingualism
8 Presentation: Language Acquisition
10 Exam #4 Language Acquisition (open-note); read chapter 12.
15 Language Variation Introduction; Film: Do You Speak American
17 Variation at all levels; article assignment—profanity project
22 Language Attitudes and Linguistic Profiling
29 Intro to Language and Gender ; Gender bias in language.

Dec.
1 Wrap-up
6 Poster Presentations
8 Poster Presentations

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 of class.

II. You must inform either the professor in advance of any circumstance that will cause you to miss a scheduled test.

III. Each student is expected to do his or her own work. This is important when working on group projects or when citing research for assignments. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be tolerated in this class.