Course Description

This is a lab-based course (as opposed to a conventional lecture/seminar based one) aimed at learning the application of technical and computational tools to curate, analyze, and produce a variety of research products from text, video, and audio language data. The students will work on a variety of assignments focusing on different aspects of language documentation, archiving and dissemination of language data. We will investigate the phonetic, morphological and syntactic aspects of a language and get hands on training in tools and methods of language transcription, data analysis, and presentation formats. We will also discuss issues in orthography development and dissemination.

Prerequisites: LING 3070

Course Requirements and Grading

You'll be working on a set of assignments using tools/applications such as Fieldworks Language Explorer (FLEx), Saymore, PRAAT, ELAN, Audacity, and more. For each class session, please make sure to bring a headphone and an external flash drive with you.

You will be evaluated on the basis of what you have learned in as well as outside the class in terms of your ability to use various tools in analyzing a language that you do not speak or have not learned before. An essential component of the course will be the amount of time spent practicing the tools and methods you are exposed to in the classroom. You will be required to have regular meetings with the instructor and/or with your Teaching Assistant for one-on-one practice during during office hours. In addition, you will also attend course-related colloquia, the information on which will be provided from time to time.

The course topics, assignments and due dates will be posted on the Blackboard (learn.unt.edu).

Attendance Policy and Office Hours

We have a strict attendance policy and mandatory use of office hours. To receive full credit, full attendance and active participation in class as well as in the lab during office hours is an absolute must. Please sign up for office hours in advance. As far as classroom attendance is concerned, only exceptional and legitimate absences (e.g. an illness, accident, or a death in family, etc.) will be excused. Please get in touch with your instructor after an absence to catch up on the missed session(s). There is absolutely no room for unexcused absences in this class. Every unexcused absence will count negatively towards your grade, and for every 3 unexcused absences, your grade will be lowered by one letter grade.

Course Resources

Course readings and other resources will be available in Blackboard Learn.
Plagiarism Policy
For information on the University’s policies regarding academic integrity and dishonesty, see the
For more information on how to avoid plagiarism and how to use citations, see

Non-Discrimination and Accommodation Policy
It is the policy of the University of North Texas not to discriminate on the basis of race, color,
religion, sex, age, national origin, disability (where reasonable accommodations can be made),
disabled veteran status or veteran of the Vietnam era status in its educational programs,
activities, admissions or employment policies. In addition to complying with federal and state
equal opportunity laws and regulations, the university through its diversity policy declares
harassment based on individual differences (including sexual orientation) inconsistent with its
mission and education goals. Direct questions and concerns to the Equal Opportunity Office,
940 565 2456, or the Dean of Students, 940 565 2648. TDD access is available through Relay
Texas, 800 735 2989. If you have a disability, you are strongly advised to contact the Office of
Disability Accommodations (UU 318A) or by telephone at 940 565 4323. It is the responsibility
of the student to make the necessary arrangements with the instructors.