Tools for Linguistic Analysis and Dissemination

LING 4130 | Dr. Sadaf Munshi | University of North Texas | Spring 2017 |
Course meets Tue/Thur 9:30-10:50am in GAB 550A

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Office/Office Hours: Office hourse will be held on Tue/Thur 11am-12:00 (noon) in LANG409L
(main campus) and by appointment in B201E at Discovery Park.

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 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 will be evaluated on the basis of what you have learned in/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. You'll be working on a set of assignments using tools/applications such as Fieldworks Language Explorer (FLEx), PRAAT, ELAN, Audacity, and more. The courses topics, assignments and due dates will be posted on the Blackboard (learn.unt.edu).

Attendance Policy
We have a strict attendance policy. If you want full credit, full attendance is an absolute must; only legitimate absences (e.g. an illness, accident, or a death in family, etc.) will be excused. Every unexcused absence will count negatively towards your grade; for every 3 unexcused absences, your grade will be lowered by one letter.

Course Resources

Blackboard Learn: Course readings and other resources will be available in Blackboard Learn.

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