

COURSE INFORMATION

LINGUISTICS COURSES

LN 101 INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

Exploring the use of language (English in particular), this course is intended for students without any previous background in the study of language. The course focuses on different ways in which English may be formed and used by different people in different situations. It also serves as an introduction to the study of the sounds, words, and sentences of English and other languages.

LN 300 INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This is an introduction to the nature and classification of language and to the methods used in contemporary linguistic science to analyze and describe languages, with attention to the practical application of linguistics. Prerequisite: EN111.

LN 350 LINGUISTICS AND THE LANGUAGE ARTS

FALL ONLY/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This course examines the many perspectives from which language may be viewed. It is intended to give students a broad view of the nature, acquisition, uses, and misuses of language as well as to remind them of the connections between language, culture, and society. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 371 WORLD ENGLISHES

FALL ONLY/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This course examines the development of different varieties of standard English throughout the world. In the past half-century, English has exploded as the most widely used world language, and most of the users are non-native speakers. The result of worldwide contact with English, the evolution of English varieties, and cross-cultural similarities and difference in patterns of language use are addressed. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 385 STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH

SPRING ONLY/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

LN385 presents a general description of the structure of Standard English. The course focuses on sentence structure, word formation, word choice, and other aspects of Standard English that most people refer to as grammar. The course is of special value for future and current English teachers who will be teaching English and its use to their own students. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 400 APPLIED LINGUISTICS

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This capstone course provides the culminating experience for students in their exploration of linguistics by offering a multidisciplinary approach to issues related to language acquisition and teaching. Integrating and connecting key concepts and methodologies from previous linguistics courses, this course will focus on the applications of linguistics and its subfields to language and learning theories that support various teaching methodologies; individual and cultural differences that affect second language learning; stylistics and the use of literature in language pedagogy; language policy and language planning; as well as issues of bilingualism, multilingualism, and multiculturalism. Prerequisite: LN300; senior status; or consent of the instructor.

LN 400G APPLIED LINGUISTICS

FALL ONLY/ODD YEARS

3 credit hours

This course covers methods of teaching English as A second Language. It familiarizes students with test Drills, activities, and exercises used in ESL programs. Work on Materials Preparation dealing with phonological, Syntactical, and Semantic problems is included. Prerequisite: LN300

LN 402 HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SPRING ONLY/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This course is an historical survey of the sound, structure, and syntax of the English language from 900 A.D. to the present. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 440 TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

Courses included under this umbrella course provide undergraduate and graduate students with advanced study of specific topics within the study of language. These topics focus attention on language use, language analysis, and language learning. Special attention will be paid, where possible, to Pacific languages and cultures. The course may be repeated when topics vary. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 440B TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS: PRAGMATICS

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

Pragmatics presents an exploration of what we actually do with our language. Following a cross-cultural approach, the course analyzes the ways we use our language to do what we want it to do and say what we really mean in various contexts and situations. Prerequisites: LN300 or consent of instructor.

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LN 460 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLINGUISTICS

FALL ONLY/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This course is an introduction to current sociolinguistic studies. Emphasis is placed on the nature of the speech community, speech events, societal bilingualism, and language constraints. Additional emphasis is placed on practical application of basic sociolinguistic concepts. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 500 APPLIED LINGUISTICS

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This course covers methods of teaching English as a second language. It familiarizes students with test drills, activities, and exercises used in ESL programs. Work on materials preparation dealing with phonological, syntactical, and semantic problems is included. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 501 GRADUATE RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION

FALL ONLY/AS REQUIRED

3 credit hours

This seminar prepares students to meet the research writing requirements of the Master of Arts in English degree, including seminar papers and the Master's Thesis. The course focuses on research methodology as well as the critical, analytical, and rhetorical skills needed for successful graduate-level research in English studies. Students review sources, bibliographic literature, and appropriate indexes, both conventionally and electronically published. Students become skilled in the use of MLA and/or other documentation styles. Required of all candidates for the Masters of Arts in English.

LN 502 HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SPRING ONLY/EVEN YEARS

3 credit hours

This course traces the history and development of English sounds, morphology, syntax, orthography, and lexicon from Anglo Saxon times to the present. Topics include the relationship of English to other Indo-European languages, borrowing, sound change, syntactic change, morphological change, lexical change, changes in meaning over time, and some current varieties of world "Englishes." Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor.

LN 560 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLINGUISTICS

FALL ONLY/ODD YEARS

3 credit hours

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LN 620 GRADUATE WRITING SEMINAR

AS REQUIRED

3 credit hours

This graduate seminar in writing enables advanced students to develop manuscripts for professional development and publication. A workshop structure allows feedback and criticism from peers and instructor. The course may be repeated for credit when different subject matter is covered.

LN 662 SECOND LANGUAGE TESTING AND EVALUATION

FALL ONLY/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This is a course in which all the techniques of teaching a second language are united and related to their effectiveness according to parameters derived from language acquisition theory and statistical quantification. Prerequisite: Native or native-like proficiency in English and familiarity with a second language. Also, familiarity with basic arithmetic and algebra.

LN 663 SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

SPRING ONLY/EVEN YEARS

3 credit hours

This course provides fundamental knowledge of psycholinguistics and emphasizes its interdisciplinary nature. It encompasses the processes underlying the acquisition of a language and the factors that influence these processes. Prerequisite: LN300.

LN 680 CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY

SPRING ONLY/AS REQUIRED

3 credit hours

This is a seminar in advanced topics and problems of contemporary critical theory. It will benefit students and teachers in literature, cultural history, and education. The course may be repeated with different topics. Prerequisite: EN501 or consent of instructor.

LN 691 GRADUATE SEMINAR

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

3 credit hours

This course involves rigorous study of literary authors, genres, modes, or periods. Although EN691s content will be determined by its instructor and students, the course emphasizes literary study that incorporates various theoretical approaches; close reading of all assigned texts; audio, visual, and electronic components; intensive class discussions; research presentations; and seminar papers. The course may be repeated for credit when different subject matter or periods are covered. Prerequisite: EN501.

LN 695 THESIS

FALL/SPRING/ALL YEARS

1 - 6 credit hours

There are two possible thesis options, Traditional or Creative. The thesis candidate prepares, for six hours of thesis credit, either a study embodying rigorous scholarly research or original creative work of near-publishable quality. This course may be repeated until all six thesis credits are successfully completed. Prerequisites: EN501, EN680, candidacy in the English Master's Program, and consent of instructor. Prerequisites: EN501, EN680, candidacy in the English Masters Program, and consent of instructor.