

COURSE INFORMATION (GRADUATE)

LINGUISTICS COURSES

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. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENROLL IN 300- OR 400- LEVEL COURSES UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED MA085 LEVEL II OR MA084B OR ANY HIGHER-LEVEL MATH COURSE.

LN-440G 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 for credit with different topics. Prerequisite: LN300 or consent of instructor. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENROLL IN 300- OR 400- LEVEL COURSES UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED MA085 LEVEL II OR MA084B OR ANY HIGHER-LEVEL MATH COURSE.

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

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-620 GRADUATE WRITING SEMINAR

AS REQUIRED/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 Master's Program, and consent of instructor.