

FEATURED LINGUISTICS COURSES – Spring 2023

Ling 303: Language, History, & Society

Professor Joe Salmons

MWF 9:55-10:45

Understanding language change; relation of variation and change to formal properties of human language; consideration of linguistic typology, basic concepts and methods of diachronic analysis. Topics include: language classification and reconstruction; language and social identity, geography, and power; language contact; registers; writing systems.

Prerequisite: Ling 101/301.

Ling 309: Grammatical Variability of Language

Professor Yafei Li

TR 2:30-3:45

Introduction to theories of variation among world languages, focusing on syntactic phenomena.

Prerequisite: Ling 101/301.

Ling 373: Introduction to Data Science and Statistics for Linguists

Professor Eric Raimy

MWF 11:00-11:50

This course provides an introduction to descriptive statistics, visualization, and hypothesis testing for linguistic data through the use of RStudio. Students will learn about the collection, organization, manipulation, classification, and visualization of different types of data. Both continuous and discrete data types will be covered and identifying appropriate statistical approaches to both will be developed. All data will come from different subareas of linguistics such as phonetics, phonology, sociolinguistics, and syntax. Students will learn fundamental statistical methods and topics in order to support future acquisition of more sophisticated statistical methods.

Open to students (both undergraduate and graduate) with prior linguistics coursework with instructor approval.

Ling 373: Ugaritic

Professor Jeremy Hutton

MWF 8:50-9:40

Grammar (phonology, morphology, syntax) and lexicon of the Northwest Semitic language Ugaritic and a survey of the major literary, epistolographic, ritualistic, and other texts found in that language and comprising its major corpora.

Prerequisite: Ling 101/301.

Eng 319: Language, Race, & Identity

Professor Thomas Purnell

MWF 12:05-12:55

Relation of culture and genetics to formal properties of human language; consideration of American English dialects and language disorders. Topics include: biological basis of language disorders; racial affiliation and social identity; maintenance of social boundaries; politics of education, speech therapy.

Requisite: Sophomore standing

Bio Sci or Social Sci, Ethnic Studies

Eng 320: Linguistic Theory and Child Language

Professor Jacee Cho

TR 2:30-3:45

An introduction to the linguistic study of child language within the generative theory. According to this theory, humans are born with genetically determined linguistic knowledge called Universal Grammar, which guides children in learning language. Learn the basic concepts of the generative theory and learn to apply them to the study of child language. Topics include universal linguistic principles that govern children's acquisition of syntax and semantics and cross-linguistic influence in children acquiring more than one language from birth or early childhood. Discuss empirical research studies testing the Universal Grammar theory of language acquisition.

Requisite: Sophomore standing

Eng 414: Global Spread of English

Professor Thomas Purnell

Online in January

Examination of the linguistic, social, and political impact of the spread of English around the world. Analysis of geographical, social, and stylistic variation in English in diverse world contexts.

*Note: offered online in the **Winterim** session of 1/3-1/22*

Eng 420: Experimental Syntax

Professor Jacee Cho

TR 11:00-12:15

This course provides an introduction to conducting linguistic experiments to address theoretical questions in the study of syntax. We will discuss how to design linguistic experiments, collect and analyze data, and make generalizations beyond the data you have collected. This is a hands-on course which requires your active participation. Although the focus of this course is syntactic research, the fundamentals of research design and data analysis methods should carry over to research in other areas

of language study such as semantics, pragmatics, or language acquisition. By the end of this course, you will have the knowledge and skills necessary to do your own linguistic experiments to explore theoretical issues in linguistics.

Requisite: Sophomore standing

Span 429 Intro to the Romance Languages

Professor Fernando Tejedo Herrero

TR 1:00-2:15

Introduction to structural similarities and differences apparent in major Romance languages (French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish) and to their historical developments, with reference to basic linguistic features of each language: phonology, morphology, syntax, and lexicon.

Requisite: SPANISH 226, FRENCH 228, ITALIAN 311, or PORTUG 226

GRADUATE SEMINAR

Ling 977: Seminar – Language Endangerment, Documentation, and Revitalization

Professor Ryan Henke

W 2:25-5:25

This seminar provides a look into the ongoing worldwide crisis of language endangerment as well as responses to it within the fields of language documentation and language revitalization, primarily through a North American lens.

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