

Winter 2012 – Linguistics Courses

ENG/LIN 244	Structure of English	Erica Britt
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TR 4:00-5:15 pm Attributes: Social Science

LIN 244 provides a detailed examination of the English language with emphasis on the structure of sentences and notions of “grammar” and “usage.” During the winter 2012 semester, we will integrate community-based active learning experiences so that students will gain hands-on experience collecting data and applying linguistic concepts to the analysis of this data. Through this course:

- Students will develop a clear understanding of the differences between prescriptive and descriptive approaches to the study of “grammar.”
- Students will develop an understanding of the structure of the English language (including syntax and morphology) and will apply this knowledge to the analysis of the dialect of English spoken in the city of Flint, MI.
- Students will gain valuable civic engagement experience by collecting linguistic data (in the form of interviews) that will contribute to an ongoing oral history and linguistic survey of Flint, MI.

ANT/LIN 290	Language and Culture	Hisyar Ozsoy
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TR 12:30-1:45 pm Prerequisite: ANT/INT 100 or ENG/LIN 200
Attributes: Global Studies

Analysis of the relationship between linguistic categories and patterns of culture.

ENG/LIN 351	Language and the Mind	Kazuko Hiramatsu
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MW 12:30-1:45 pm Prerequisite: Eng/Lin 200
Attributes: Social Sciences

Have you ever wondered how we are able to listen to a stream of speech and understand the meaning? How do we take a thought in our minds and change it into speech or writing? How do children acquire language? Is language located in a particular area of the brain? We will investigate these questions and evaluate the different models that have been proposed to explain these linguistic processes.

ENG/LIN 447 ENG 549	History of the English Language	John Pendell
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M 5:30-8:15 pm Prerequisite: Eng/Lin 200

Studies the development of English from a small language on the fringes of Europe to a modern global communications force. The course will cover cultural and historical influences on the language from the ninth century to today, as well as the internal linguistics that make English work, from the Old English period through Middle and Modern English. We'll consider English broadly, studying examples as prestigious as Shakespeare and as current as Twitter.

Other courses:	ENG/LIN 200-01 ENG/LIN 200 and 244	TR 12:30-1:45 online	Erica Britt Steve Johnson
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Program in English with a Specialization in Linguistics

Language use is a unique capability that intersects with almost every aspect of human life. Linguists explore this capability by examining the structure of language and the ways that languages differ from one another. They also explore, among other things, the ways that speakers acquire an unconscious knowledge of their language, how language interacts with other mental processes, how language is used in daily life across regions, ethnic groups, social classes, and genders and how computer programs can be taught to model language use.

Although the completion of this major results in a degree in English, the courses are not limited to the study of English. There are many courses in the major that explore topics that are global in nature, such as: Ethnic/global literature, language variation across cultures, underlying, universal properties of all human languages, and comparative data analyses from multiple languages

Program Requirements

Thirty-six credits distributed as follows, including at least 18 at or above the 300 level.

- A. Foundation for analyzing literature and language (*9 credits*).
 - 1. ENG/LIN 200, 244.
 - 2. ENG 241.
- B. Language change in English (*6 credits*).
 - 1. History of English: ENG/LIN 447.
 - 2. One course in literature before 1800: ENG 303, 310, 312, 315, 316, 317, 319, 326, 327, 329, 330, 364.
- C. Language and society (*6 credits*).
 - 1. One course in language and variation: COM/WGS/LIN 284, ANT/LIN 290, ANT/LIN 335, ENG/LIN 409.
 - 2. One course in ethnic, global or women's literature from ENG, AFA or THE, chosen in consultation with an advisor.
- D. Linguistics electives (*6 credits*). Two LIN courses. (PSY 333 will also count toward this requirement.)
- E. Literature electives (*6 credits*). Two at the 300-level or above.
- F. Senior Seminar (*3 credits*). ENG 400.
- G. Completion of an Individual Major Portfolio. Consult the department for portfolio guidelines.
- H. All requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts degree, including general education requirements with a foreign language requirement.