

COURSE OUTLINE
Anthropology 9216A/Linguistics 9237A

Field Techniques in Linguistics

Fall 2018

This course is cross-listed with undergraduate course Anthropology 3237A

Lectures: Mondays 1:30–2:30 pm and Wednesdays 1:30–3:30 pm

Classroom: WL-258

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Teaching Assistants: Please refer to the course site in OWL.

Credit value: 0.5 credit

Course Syllabus:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to Linguistic Fieldwork. As such, this course will lead you into the field to seek native speaker consultants, to collect, transcribe and analyze linguistic data of a given language and to present that data in such a way that it is useful to others. We will be working with a language unfamiliar to the students. The Monday class will be devoted to lecture and going over data and the Wednesday class to data gathering and elicitation with a language consultant. We will be working with a variety of digital tools and students must be prepared to spend ample time familiarizing themselves with these tools.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL site before the first day of class.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Design questions to collect particular kinds of linguistic data
- Organize linguistic data for analysis

- Analyze linguistic data to create generalizations and identify gaps
- Present data in a way that is easily understood by others
- Identify best practices for documenting and archiving linguistic data

Course Materials:

Registered students will be able to access information about course readings through the course's on-line OWL site before the first day of class.

Evaluation:

Fieldnotes 15% (4 out of 5)

Every two weeks beginning on Oct 15 students must turn in scanned copies of their fieldnotes. These will be evaluated in terms of completeness and comprehensiveness. Top 4 of 5 scores will be added. Last fieldnotes will be due Monday Dec 5. More details will be provided on OWL.

Homework Assignments 45% (5 out of 8)

Every week starting in week 4, there will be an assignment posted related to that week's elicitation. Students must complete 5 out of 8 assignments each one worth 10%. If more than 5 are completed, the top 5 will be used to calculate the final grade. At least 2 must be completed by Nov 7. More details will be provided on OWL.

Elicitation 20%

Individually students will plan and execute an elicitation on a topic of their choice. They will then transcribe the session and present a summary of findings and future questions. Students will be evaluated on the planning and execution (5%), transcription (10%) and summary (15%). More details will be provided on OWL.

Final Paper 20%

Students will have the option of writing up a grammar or a squib. Paper will be around 10-15 pages depending on topic. If writing a squib, it must be on a different topic than their elicitation. All students must clear the topic in advance

with the professor. Paper must be turned in electronically by the end of the term (Dec. 21). More details will be provided on OWL.

All assignments will be submitted in electronic format through the assignments tab on the Owl course website.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Course Specific Statements and Policies:

Statement on Seeking Special Accommodations:

No accommodations will be granted retroactively more than 10 days after an assignment's due date or a missed quiz or test. Please see your academic counselor immediately if you will be seeking accommodations based on medical or compassionate grounds.

Statement on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing. It is also a scholastic offence to submit the same work for credit in more than one course. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence.

Policy on Laptops and Cellphones in Class:

Laptops are permitted for note-taking in class but if it is observed that students are on social networking sites, they will be asked to close the laptop and will not be permitted to use it for the remainder of the class. Be sure that all cellphones are turned off at the beginning of class.

Policy on Late submission:

Any assignment submitted late without accommodations will incur in 5% penalty on the assignment grade per day up to 5 business days for a maximum of 25%

penalty. Assignments will not be accepted after 5 business days. OWL date stamp will be used to assess penalties.

Institutional Statements and Policies

All students should familiarize themselves with Western's current academic policies regarding accessibility, plagiarism and scholastic offences, and medical accommodation. [These policies are outlined with links to the full policies on the Anthropology website.](#)