Classes:
Lectures: Mondays 6:30-9:30 pm
Classroom: UC-1110
Credit value: 0.5 credit

Instructor:
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Requisites:
Prerequisites: None.
Antirequisites: None.

Course Description and learning outcomes:
Discourse is broadly defined as language in use (talk or text). In this course, we will be studying several types of discourse analysis, all of which involve the study of discourse within cultural and social contexts. We will consider both the interactional structure and the social principles (pragmatics) that influence the production and interpretation of discourse. In addition to analytic models, we will also address issues of data collection, transcription and representation.

Because discourse analysis is best learned by practice, students will be required to conduct original research, collecting, transcribing and analyzing data. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
• identify structures and patterns in oral and written discourse
• use various theoretical models to analyze how spoken and written discourse is connected to social and cultural processes
• design and conduct a research project investigating aspects of language in use
• communicate ideas about language using scholarly terms
• recognize and address ethical issues arising from researching human subjects

Course Materials:
Evaluation:
Ethics Protocol – 5%
Transcription – 20% (10 minutes transcription)
Research proposal – 20% (500 words)
Final Paper – 30% (2000 words ~8 pages)
Contributions to discussions in class – 10%
Quizzes – 15%

More information about the essay and other assignments, specific expectations, and helpful resources will be made available to students on the course OWL site.

Late submissions: Please note that 5% of your grade will be deducted for each day you are late in submitting the assignment. No late assignments are accepted more than five days (including weekends) after the deadline. However, this does not apply if you have permission for special accommodation from Academic Counseling, in which case the needed accommodation will be provided.

Where to submit: Submit your written assignments electronically through OWL’s Assignments feature.

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:

Conditions Required to Pass this Course
In order to pass this course, students must submit and earn a passing grade on the final paper.

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 counsellor 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. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence. Please visit Western Libraries to read about What is Plagiarism?

**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.

**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 in Western’s academic policies by clicking on this link: Western’s academic policies.

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