Department of Anthropology

ANTHRO 2245F-001: Anthropological Approaches to Language

BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

Fall 2024

Date: July 26, 2024

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. K. Pennesi

Method of delivery: in person Wednesdays 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: None.

Course Description:

This is a general introduction to the field of linguistic anthropology. The foundation of an anthropological approach to language is the idea that language use and linguistic variation are central to understanding the social lives of individuals and communities. Language and culture are bound together because it is through language that our values and our ways of behaving and thinking are passed on, negotiated and changed. Linguistic anthropology is concerned with the ways language shapes our understanding of the world and how people use languages in different ways to create multiple meanings and identities.

To achieve the learning outcomes, students will do weekly readings and participate in discussions, complete quizzes on the readings, listen to lectures and podcasts, watch films, complete writing assignments, and write a final exam. The assignments are designed to give students opportunities to think about what they are learning and apply new concepts and approaches to their analyses of language and culture.

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

Course Materials:

Textbook name or say No textbook.

And/or: Required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

- Assignments (responses to questions; reflection paper; analytical essay)

- 10 Quizzes (weekly)
- Final Exam (essay; will take place during the December exam period)

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