

LINGUISTICS (LING)

LING 2 Languages, Gender, and Power

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

Lecture: 54

Languages as a tool to create, maintain, and challenge social hegemony in regards to race, status, age, nationalism, cultural values, and particularly in regards to gender. Emphasis is placed on the manner in which languages codify these notions and normalize bias. Examples from a variety of languages offer a comparative perspective on the use of gender and on the relation between language and worldview. Linguistic principles also shed light on the foundation of discriminatory practices such as verbal microaggressions, linguistic androcentrism, and the use of profanity. A selection of course topics are also viewed from an anthropological perspective.

LING 3 Languages, Cultures, and Writing in East Asia

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

Lecture: 54

Comparison of East Asian languages and scripts from a cross-cultural and historical perspective. It explores the impact of politics, belief systems, social movements, globalization, and technology on the written languages of East Asia. Class conducted in English.

LING 4 Introduction to World Languages

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

Lecture: 54

Analysis of the linguistic diversity in the world and of methods used to classify languages into families and into types. Detailed examination of representative languages to acquaint students with distinctive features of key language families. Focus on how languages differ and relate to each other structurally and historically. Overview of socio-historical forces driving the development of world languages.