

LINGUISTICS (LING)

LING 1 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

Lecture: 54

The course explores properties of human language by focusing on phonetic, phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic structures and analysis. It is an introduction to the theory and methods of linguistics as well as to the nature and form of grammar. It includes an introduction to pragmatics as well as a brief overview of the significance of natural language processing and the process of constructing artificial languages (conlangs).

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.

LING 5 Language, Context, and Data

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

Lecture: 54

Introduction to language use in interactive contexts. Study of pragmatics, speech acts, ordinary language philosophy, and linguistic relativity. Introduction to language as data, data analysis, online language, and language in artificial intelligence.

LING 6 Latin and Greek in Modern Language and Science

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

Lecture: 54

This course explores how Latin and Greek have become ingrained in modern languages. It addresses the historical development and cultural significance of Latin and Greek and provides an overview of terminology associated with academic and scientific disciplines. Students will analyze linguistic roots, compounds, affixing, verb groups, participles, and recognize basic principles of phonological, morphological, and semantic change. The course sheds light on the formation of neologisms and addresses English content-words in multiple disciplines such as medicine, botany and zoology, law, commerce and economics, philosophy, psychology, history, politics, religion, and mythology. Students will also reflect on the notion of linguistic legacy. No prior knowledge of Latin or Greek required.