
Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2023

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area German
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Germanic Languages & Lit - D0547
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences
Level/Career Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog 3689
Course Title Words Across the World
Transcript Abbreviation Words Across World
Course Description Language, at the heart of our social life, drives much of what humans do: converse, convey beliefs & views, label, categorize, include & exclude people. We'll critically examine how we use language to interact with our lived environments (LE) & analyze & discover ways in which words are used & manipulated to impact our LE & how changes & developments in our LE can have a direct effect on language.
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 12 Week, 8 Week, 7 Week, 6 Week, 4 Week
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No
Grading Basis Letter Grade
Repeatable No
Course Components Lecture
Grade Roster Component Lecture
Credit Available by Exam No
Admission Condition Course No
Off Campus Never
Campus of Offering Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, Wooster

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites
Exclusions Cross-listed with NELC 3689 and Spanish 3689.
Electronically Enforced Yes

Cross-Listings

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Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 16.0501
Subsidy Level General Studies Course
Intended Rank Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

Requirement/Elective Designation

Lived Environments

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Students will use qualitative linguistic analysis to approach the study of language and culture.
 - Students will utilize a variety of data, including corpora, natural conversation, and Internet sources will serve as material for analysis.
- Students will carry out small-scale research projects on their own by the end of the class, & will connect them to current events & issues in the world.
 - Students will analyze the connections between languages, ideologies, cultures, & ethnicities.
- Students will recognize diverse approaches to the study of language such as contact linguistics, language acquisition, language and the media, language and law among others.
- Through problem sets and weekly questions students will identify, describe, and synthesize different approaches to the study of language.
- GOAL 1: Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations.
- ELO 1.1 Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme.
ELO 1.2 Engage in advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme.
- GOAL 2: Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work done in previous classes & that they anticipate doing in future.
- ELO 2.1 Identify, describe, & synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme.
- ELO 2.2. Demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection, self-assessment, & creative work, building on prior experiences to respond to new & challenging contexts.
- LE Goal 1: Successful students will explore a range of perspectives on the interactions and impacts between humans & one or more types of environments (e.g., agricultural, built, cultural, economic, intellectual, natural) in which humans live.
- ELO 1.1 Engage with the complexity and uncertainty of human-environment interactions.
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ELO 2.2 Describe how humans perceive and represent the environment with which they interact.
- ELO 2.3 Analyze & critique conventions, theories & ideologies that influence discourses around environments.

Content Topic List

- Words on the Move (borrowing)
 - Little Words (discourse markers)
 - Language acquisition
 - Profanity
 - Gender & Words
 - The Power of Words (politics and language)
 - Your words, my words (language contact, code-switching)
 - Conversation Analysis
 - Words Media
- No

Sought Concurrence

Attachments

- German3689_Rubric.pdf: Rubric 3689 German
(GEC Course Assessment Plan. Owner: Miller, Natascha)
- German3689_GE Form. Lived Experience.pdf: GE Form 3689 German
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Miller, Natascha)
- CurriculumMap_Update_2022Feb.pdf: Curriculum Map updated
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Miller, Natascha)
- New GE 3689 Words Across The World Syllabus-2022Nov01.pdf: NEW syllabus Nov01 2022
(Syllabus. Owner: Miller, Natascha)
- New GE 3689 Words Across The World Cover letter 2022Nov01.pdf: Cover letter Nov01 2022
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Miller, Natascha)

Comments

- 11/01/22 the new syllabus has been attached (the previous syllabus has been deleted), AND a cover letter addressing the panel's feedback has been attached.
Thank you!

Please see the revised syllabus and the curriculum map attached. *(by Miller, Natascha on 11/01/2022 01:47 PM)*
- Please see Panel feedback email sent 06/08/2022. *(by Hilty, Michael on 06/08/2022 09:33 AM)*

COURSE REQUEST
3689 - Status: PENDING

Last Updated: Vankeerbergen, Bernadette
Chantal
11/21/2022

Workflow Information

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Thank you for your feedback re: the new GE course 3689 Words across the World

Our response is below.

- The reviewing faculty request that the idea of Lived Environments be clarified within the course syllabus. Specifically, they ask that the specific Lived Environment being examined is stated and how this plans to be pursued throughout the course in the syllabus. They suggest that some of the explanatory information found in the GE submission forms (e.g., clear and specific connections to the Lived Environments theme) be moved into the course syllabus. They also suggest that additional details about the guest speaker and their content topics, especially if connected to the Lived Environments, be included in the syllabus schedule.
We have made the changes in red font on the syllabus in the weekly schedule.
- The reviewing faculty request that the meeting time and length (even if simply generic) be added to the course syllabus in order to determine contact hours.
We have done so. The change is indicated in red font.
- On pages 6 and 7 of the course syllabi, the percentages in the grading chart do not match the percentages in parenthesis under the assignment descriptions. The reviewing faculty ask that this be corrected.
We have corrected this. The changes are marked in red font.
- Please provide a cover letter that details changes made in response to the reviewing faculty's feedback.



SYLLABUS

GE 3689: Words Across the World

Theme: Lived Environments

3 CREDIT HOURS
Autumn 2022

Instructor:

Meeting day and times: **Wednesday and Friday—9.35-10.55am**

Email:

Office:

Office Hours:

COURSE OVERVIEW

Course description

Language is at the heart of our social life, and it drives everything we do as humans. No matter where we are and what we do, we use words to: converse with others, to express our emotions, convey our beliefs and views, argue and justify what we did or are about to do, label and categorize people, and include and exclude groups of people. In this GE course, we will critically examine how we use language to interact with our lived environments. For example, people use language every day in digital/social media interactions, bureaucratic interactions, and of course face-to-face interactions. In fact, we are immersed in language consciously or unconsciously throughout the times and spaces--that is lived environments--that we inhabit. We will learn to analyze and discover different ways in which words are used and manipulated to impact our lived environments and how changes and developments in our environments can have a direct effect on language. We will focus on a series of topics that build from the historical development of language(s) and

language families, through conversation analysis, political issues connected to language, and the importance of language to individual and group identities.

We will also learn how to approach the study of language and culture through hands-on qualitative linguistic analysis. You will learn how to carry out small-scale empirical language-related research projects on your own in order to understand and analyze the connections between languages, ideologies, cultures, and ethnicities, and make incredible discoveries about the power of words that shape our daily lives. A variety of types of linguistic data, including corpora, natural conversation, and internet sources will be served as material for analysis. A central topic of the class will be cross-linguistic content and analysis of languages other than English or data from code-mixing and bi/multi-lingual contexts.

Goals and Expected Learning Outcomes

Course learning outcomes

- Students will use qualitative linguistic analysis to approach the study of language and culture
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- Students will carry out small-scale research projects on their own by the end of the class, and will connect them to current events and issues in the world.
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- Students will recognize diverse approaches to the study of language such as contact linguistics, language acquisition, language and the media, language and law among others.
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All Themes

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Lived Environments

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ELO 2.3 Analyze and critique conventions, theories, and ideologies that influence discourses around environments.

How the course will meet ELOs

Students will engage with the complexity and uncertainty of human-environment interactions by describing examples of human interaction with and impact on environmental change and transformation over time and across space. Students will analyze how humans' interactions with their environments shape or have shaped attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors and describe how humans perceive and represent the environments with which they interact. Students will analyze and critique conventions, theories, and ideologies that influence discourses around environments. Students will produce rich, complex descriptions of the role of human interaction and/or cultural exchange in language variation and change. Displays insight beyond simple repetition of course readings and lectures. Students will connect ideological beliefs about language to societal systems of power and prestige. Students will display

sophisticated understanding of the complex, multidimensional relationship between institutional pressures, social groups, and individual choices. After this course students will be able to clearly demonstrate critical analytical viewpoint on representations of language and their connections with social groups. They will be able to make novel connections beyond course material and use course material as a jumping-off point for interpretation or re-interpretation of personal experience or independent research. Students will be able to critically examine their own beliefs and/or positioning with regard to language and display incipient ability to evaluate and critique theoretical material.

Qualitative Data Analysis

Successful students develop skills in...

- drawing conclusions and critically evaluating results based on data
- explain the utility of different approaches to qualitative data analysis
- apply key methods and tools in qualitative data analysis
- interpret the results of qualitative data analysis to answer research question(s)
- evaluate the social and ethical implications of data collection and analysis, especially in relation to human subjects

COURSE MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES

There is no required textbook in this course. All the materials are available on Carmen Canvas.

HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

Credit hours and work expectations: This is a **3-credit-hour course**. According to Ohio State policy (go.osu.edu/credithours), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction (e.g., instructor content and Carmen assignments) in addition to 6 hours of homework (e.g., reading and assignment preparation) to receive a grade of (C) average.

Course technology

Technology support

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. Standard support hours are available at ocio.osu.edu/help/hours, and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** ocio.osu.edu/help

- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** servicedesk@osu.edu
- **TDD:** 614-688-8743

Technology skills needed for this course

- Basic computer and web-browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen (go.osu.edu/canvasstudent)
- CarmenZoom virtual meetings (go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings)
- Recording a slide presentation with audio narration (go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide)
- Recording, editing, and uploading video (go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide)

Required equipment

- Computer: current Mac (MacOs) or PC (Windows 10) with high-speed internet connection
- Webcam: built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested
- Microphone: built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone
- Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) to use for BuckeyePass authentication

Required software

- Microsoft Office 365: All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found at go.osu.edu/office365help.

Carmen access

You will need to use BuckeyePass (buckeyepass.osu.edu) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the BuckeyePass - Adding a Device help article for step-by-step instructions (go.osu.edu/add-device).
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
- Download the Duo Mobile application (go.osu.edu/install-duo) to all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service

If none of these options meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-4357(HELP) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

GRADING

| ASSIGNMENT CATEGORY | WEIGHTING |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance and Participation | 30% |
| Problem Sets and Analytical Notes | 10% |
| Papers + Online discussion (3) | 20% |
| Midterm Creative Projects | 20% |
| Final Project | 20% |

Grading scale

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 93–100: A | 87–89.9: B+ | 80–82.9: B- | 73–76.9: C | 68–69.9: D+ | Below 0-64.9: E |
| 90–92.9: A- | 83–86.9: B | 77–79.9: C+ | 70–72.9: C- | 65–67.9: D | |

Descriptions of major course assignments

Attendance and Participation Expectations (30%):

You are expected to attend class regularly, volunteer often and participate actively in discussions. Students will be given a prompt every day of class where they will be asked to answer short questions on the readings and homework assigned for the day. Should you be absent and miss the question of the day talk to your instructor to make up the assignment.

Please do not come to class if you have a temperature in excess of 100F or other symptoms of COVID. You will not be penalized for missing class. You may request accommodation due to COVID at the following link: <https://slds.osu.edu/covid-19-info/covid-related-accommodation-requests/>

Problem Sets and Analytical Notes (10%):

There will be up to 8 weekly or bi-weekly problem sets and analytical notes. You will work with a variety of types of linguistic data, including corpora, natural conversation, and internet

sources to practice analyzing data critically and applying approaches learned in readings and class.

Paper with Online discussion (20%):

You will write three 2–3-page long papers on a topic given by the instructor. Each paper will have a Carmen video discussion component. For this part, you will read one of your classmate's papers and video record a comment/reaction/reflection on their paper on Carmen. Your classmate will then reply to your video recorded comment on Carmen. Four last short paper assignments, you will write a letter to a friend or family member and share how the course impacted you as a person and challenged the way you interacted with your lived environment through language.

Midterm creative Project (20%):

For this project you will collaborate with another student and create memes, TikTok, or similar with informational content linked to class. Details will be available on CarmenCanvas.

Final Projects (20%):

This involves a public-facing presentation (podcast, posterboard, play, debate, etc.) where students present research on a topic of their choice.

Late assignments

Late submissions will not be accepted. Please refer to Carmen for due dates.

Don't hesitate to visit your instructor during office hours to discuss questions or problems regarding the course. Your instructor is a good source for strategies to help you increase your learning.

OTHER COURSE POLICIES

Health and safety requirements

All students, faculty and staff are required to comply with and stay up to date on all university safety and health guidance (<https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu>), which includes wearing a face mask in any indoor space and maintaining a safe physical distance at all times. Non-compliance will be warned first and disciplinary actions will be taken for repeated offenses.

Communication guidelines

The following are my expectations for how we should communicate as a class. Above all, please remember to be respectful and thoughtful.

- **Tone and civility:** Let's maintain a supportive learning community where everyone feels safe and where people can disagree amicably. Remember that sarcasm doesn't always come across online.
- **Backing up your work:** Consider composing your academic posts in a word processor, where you can save your work, and then copying into the Carmen discussion.

Academic integrity policy

Ohio State's academic integrity policy

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understood the university's *Code of Student Conduct* (studentconduct.osu.edu), and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the university's *Code of Student Conduct* and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the university or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the university's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the *Code of Student Conduct* and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by university rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the university's *Code of Student Conduct* (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

- Committee on Academic Misconduct web page (go.osu.edu/coam)
- Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity (go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions)
- Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity (go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules)

Note that it is considered plagiarism if you cut and paste a text from the internet into your course work. It is also plagiarism to have a native speaker or fluent speaker of German do any of your work for you. In this course, it is considered cheating to use any sort of internet

translator (such as Google Translate) to complete your course work. Also, keep in mind that these online tools are not accurate.

Copyright for instructional materials

The materials used in connection with this course may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course. Copyright law must be considered before copying, retaining, or disseminating materials outside of the course.

Statement on Title IX

All students and employees at Ohio State have the right to work and learn in an environment free from harassment and discrimination based on sex or gender, and the university can arrange interim measures, provide support resources, and explain investigation options, including referral to confidential resources.

If you or someone you know has been harassed or discriminated against based on your sex or gender, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual exploitation, you may find information about your rights and options at titleix.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleix@osu.edu. Title IX is part of the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) at Ohio State, which responds to all bias-motivated incidents of harassment and discrimination, such as race, religion, national origin and disability. For more information on OIE, visit equity.osu.edu or email equity@osu.edu.

Commitment to a diverse and inclusive learning environment

The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

Civility policy

Students are expected to maintain basic standards of professional interaction during class time, treating their classmates, instructor, and guest speakers with respect and courtesy. Statements that are racist, anti-immigrant, misogynist, anti-gay, transphobic, or otherwise intolerant or disrespectful are not acceptable in the classroom, as they disrupt the learning

environment. Any student who engages in this kind of misbehavior will be asked to leave class immediately and will be counted absent during all missed class periods. The student will only be allowed to return to class after an in-person consultation with me and a university representative.

If you have experienced harassment or discrimination in this class or in any context related to this class, please let me know immediately. To report harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, or retaliation and/or seek confidential and non-confidential resources and supportive measures, contact the Office of Institutional Equity:

Online reporting form at equity.osu.edu,
Call 614-247-5838 or TTY 614-688-8605,
Or Email equity@osu.edu

Your mental health

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. No matter where you are engaged in distance learning, The Ohio State University's Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) is here to support you. If you find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, on-demand resources are available at go.osu.edu/ccsondemand. You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at 614-292-5766, and 24-hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org. The Ohio State Wellness app is also a great resource available at go.osu.edu/wellnessapp.

ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Requesting accommodations

The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions, please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to

discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. **SLDS contact information:** slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Accessibility of course technology

This course requires use of CarmenCanvas (Ohio State's learning management system) and other online communication and multimedia tools. If you need additional services to use these technologies, please request accommodations with your instructor.

- Canvas accessibility (go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility)
- Streaming audio and video
- CarmenZoom accessibility (go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility)
- Collaborative course tools

The **third-party tools** we use in this course also offer support and answers to various questions users may have.

- [Blinklearning Support](#)
- [Blinklearning FAQs](#)
- [TalkAbroad Support](#)

WEEKLY SYLLABUS

All readings will be available on carmen

Week 1: Introduction

Introduction: Words matter! (Sally McConnell-Ginet)

Anne Curzan TED talk: “What makes a word “real”?”

https://www.ted.com/talks/anne_curzan_what_makes_a_word_real?language=en

Students will be introduced to why political issues are connected to language as a lived environment, and the importance of language to individual and group identities.

Week 2: Words on the Move (borrowing)

Tue:

Getting to know library resources and how to read academic writing

Due on Tuesday Problem set 1: Students research a word that they think of as new or innovative. Where does it first appear? In which contexts?

Th: Guest speaker: Library resources

Ladino (Judeo-Spanish):

D. Bunis (2019): Judezmo (Ladino/Judeo-Spanish): A Historical and Sociolinguistic Portrait <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9781501504631-008/html>
 Students learn methods to study and analyze language as a lived environment.

Week 3: Words on the Move (borrowing)

Tue:

P. Bakker (1988): Basque Pidgin Vocabulary in European-Algonquian Trade Contacts
 H. Wiese (2009): [Grammatical innovation in multiethnic urban Europe: New linguistic practices among adolescents](#)

Due on Tuesday Problem set 2: Instructors share a passage with students and students explore which words from the passage are borrowed. Students also analyze the historical and cultural context of the borrowed words.

Th:

D. Jurafsky (2014): The language of food: A linguist reads the menu
 Chapter 4: Ketchup, Cocktails, and Pirates (49-64)
 Chapter 10: Macaroon, Macaron, Macaroni (130-144)

Students will logically and critically examine language as a lived environment. This section introduces students to language as a medium that is used to navigate different linguistic landscapes which can be multilingual, multi-dialectal, etc. and have different power structures associated with different language usages.

Week 4: Little Words (discourse markers)

Tue:

G. Bolden [Discourse markers](#)
 IDizque, evidentiality, and stance in Valley Spanish (2009)
 N. Enfield (2017) [How we talk: The inner workings of conversation](#),
 Chapter 8: The universal word: “Huh”? (pp. 173-188)

Due on Tuesday: First short paper due! Students choose a local international grocery store (Mediterranean, Chinese, Indian, Mexican, German etc.) and examine how the linguistic environment incorporates words from different languages.

Th:

G. Bolden (2006) [Little Words that matter: The discourse markers “so” and “oh” in English](#)

E. Couper-Kuhlen (2021) [Some old and new uses of OKAY in English conversation](#)

Students learn about how language works by studying words that are often ignored or erased. Students learn how little words have large impact in social interactions in our lived environments.

Week 5: Language acquisition

Tue: Guest speaker: Laura Wagner

Lightbown & Spada (1993): How languages are learned

G. Yule (2020): The study of language

sections from Chapters 13 (L1 Acquisition) and 14 (SLA)

Problem set 3 due on Tuesday: Students watch an episode of a sitcom in English or another language of their choice, choose a clip to transcribe, and focus on one token that works as a discourse marker in this data.

Th:

L. Ortega (2009): Understanding SLA

Ch 4: The linguistic environment: 4.1: Wes' case, 4.3: Input

Ch 5: Cognition: 5.1 (Info processing), 5.5 (long-term memory and L2 vocabulary knowledge)

Laura Wagner will speak about how children acquire language by interacting with their lived environments. This week students will learn how children learn language and intricacies of language use through exposure to everyday speech patterns.

Week 6: Bad words (profanity)

Tue:

Kulick, "No" *Language and Communication* 23:2 139-151

Problem set 4 due on Tuesday: Students analyze data sets from CHILDES database and compare early language acquisition in two different languages OR students analyze ESL data and discuss pattern of second language acquisition in this data. Students learn how children and adults acquire languages in different lived and linguistic environments.

Th:

Randall Eggert *This Book Is Taboo* (2011) (selected sections)

Students will engage in an in-depth study of the word 'No' and how it is used and interpreted in gendered contexts. For example, a gay person saying 'no' is heard differently than a heteronormative person saying 'no'. This level of in-depth and

scholarly study will help students understand the importance of social contexts in language use.

Week 7: Gender and words

Tue:

Sally McConnell-Ginet *Words Matter* Chapter 5 Putting down: ["They"] Aren't people, they are animals.

Th:

Guest speaker: Paloma Martinez-Cruz

Midterm creative project - For this project students will collaborate with each other and create memes, TikTok, or similar with informational content linked to class. Details will be available on CarmenCanvas.

Paloma Martinez-Cruz will speak about how language helps us understand gender in the body and ancestral indigenous knowledge.

Across the world gendered language is used to designate certain tasks, roles, or characteristics to people. For example, in India 'geela' is used for any male assigned individual who is gay. Another example is the discourse around the use of natural catastrophe metaphors such as "Flüchtlingsflut" (flood of refugees) or "Flüchtlingsstrom" (storm of refugees) and the intended effect in German media. This designation in Hindi means a lot more than sexuality and has implications beyond insult.

Week 8: The Power of Words (politics and language)

Tue: Guest speaker Dr. Ila Nagar

Th: Tirrell, Lynne (2012). Genocidal Language Games. In Ishani Maitra & Mary Kate McGowan (eds.), *Speech and Harm: Controversies Over Free Speech*. Oxford University Press. pp. 174 -221.

Problem set 5 due on Tuesday: Students take notes in what environments their peers use gendered and/or profane language and use an online tool (Carmen discussion board) to create their own data base. This also prompts students to think about ethics and confidentiality

Ila Nagar will speak about how language can be used as a system that can perpetuate violence against some sections of society thereby making their lived environments more complex.

In this week we study the role of language in political systems. A simple example is how the use of the word "inner-city" has evolved over time in political speech and is now associated with Black neighborhoods in urban areas. "Inner-city" is now used as a

racialized term in political speech. The same type of phenomenon is true for terms like "liberal", "red neck", or "activist". 'Favelado' in Brazil means slumdweller and is comparable to the "inner city" designation in North America.

Week 9: Words of Law and Law of Words (legal language, dialects and interpretation)

Tue:

Robyn Carston (2013) Legal Texts and Canons of Construction: A View from Current Pragmatic Theory

Th: Guest speaker: Matthew Birkhold

Rickford & King 2016 Language and Linguistics on Trial: Hearing Rachel Jeantel (and other vernacular speakers) in the courtroom and beyond

Short paper 2: Students use the database they created for problem set 5 and examine, describe and draw conclusions from the qualitative data they collected. Students apply class readings and concepts to the data.

Matthew Birkhold will speak about linguistic elements in the practice of law. Students will learn how listeners harm people who speak in vernacular varieties. Representation of non-standard dialects in legal contexts has been fraught with prejudice against people who use them. Linguistic environments can also alter perceptions of entire communities and the nature of their presence.

Week 10: Your words, my words (language contact, code-switching)

Tue:

K.A. Woolard 1988 Simultaneity and Bivalency as Strategies in Bilingualism

Problem set 6 due on Tuesday: Students watch a five-minute political speech in a language of their choice and analyze how propaganda, dog whistling, and dialectal and linguistic variation are employed in the speech. Students also discuss how the physical and political space in which the speech is given affects how it reaches different audience.

Th: Guest speaker: Anna Babel

Anna Babel will discuss the causes and outcomes of social and linguistic contact between groups and how this effects language and lived environments. Students will identify how languages that are in contact with each other bring about change in lexical, morphological, and syntactic structures. Students will also learn how power plays a role in structures of languages in contact thereby synthesizing different approaches to language contact and language change.

Week 11: Exchanging words (conversation analysis)

Tue:

TEDx Talk: The science of analyzing conversations (E. Stokoe)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtOG5PK8xDA&t=238s>

L. Stokoe (2018): Talk: The science of conversation
Chapters 1(the conversational racetrack), and 2 (Here comes the science)

Problem set 7 due on Tuesday: Students document code switching in dorms, classes, television, grocery stores, at home and take notes.

Th:

Emily Hofstetter (action ascription/what we do with words)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN6anGiNMgs>

L. Stokoe (2018): Talk: The science of conversation
Chapter 5 (every word matters)

Students will study cross-linguistic content and analysis of languages other than English or data from code-mixing and bi/multi-lingual contexts. This section will enable students to understand and analyze the connections between languages, ideologies, cultures, and ethnicities as they are experienced in our lived environments.

Week 12: Words in media

Tue:

Jennifer Saul (2018). Dog whistles, political manipulation and philosophy of language

Short paper 3 due on Tuesday: Use techniques of conversational analysis and the concepts from class readings to examine data collected for problem set 7.

Th: Guest speaker: Lauren Squires

Lauren Squires will speak about the role of language in computer mediated communication such as text messages and social media.

This section will enable students to examine language use in media, prejudice related to language use, how certain words come in languages, how using certain words for people creates advantages or prejudice among other topics.

Week 13: Wrap-up: Words Matter!

Tue:

Sally McConnell-Ginet *Words Matter* Chapter 7: Authorizing

Problem set 8 due on Tuesday: Students reflect on their learning and how the data and the study of their linguistic environment has changed their view and understanding of language in constructing a lived environment.

Th: Course overview and key learning

In this section students will review and cement skills that enable them to critically and logically think about language use in their lived environments.

Week 14: Final project workshop / presentations

Final project

German 3689: Words Across the World

Goals

1. Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- 1.1 Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or theme
 - 1.2 Engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme.
2. Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work they have done in previous classes and that they anticipate doing in the future.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- 2.1 Identify, describe, and synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme.
- 2.2 Demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection, self-assessment, and creative work, building on prior experiences to respond to new and challenging contexts.

Specific Expectations (Lived Environments)

1. Successful students will explore a range of perspectives on the interactions and impacts between humans and one or more types of environment (e.g. agricultural, built, cultural, economic, intellectual, natural) in which humans live.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- 1.1 Engage with the complexity and uncertainty of human-environment interactions.
- 1.2 Describe examples of human interaction with and impact on environmental change and transformation over time and across space.

2. Successful students will analyze a variety of perceptions, representations, and/or discourses about environments and humans within them.
 - 2.1 Analyze how humans’ interactions with their environments shape or have shaped attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors.
 - 2.2 Describe how humans perceive and represent the environments with which they interact.
 - 2.3 Analyze and critique conventions, theories, and ideologies that influence discourses around environments.

Qualitative Data Analysis

Successful students develop skills in...

- Drawing conclusions and critically evaluating results based on data
- Explain the utility of different approaches to qualitative data analysis
- Apply key methods and tools in qualitative data analysis
- Interpret the results of qualitative data analysis to answer research questions
- Evaluate the social and ethical implications of data collection and analysis, especially in relation to human subjects

| Goals | Expected Learning Outcomes | Specific Objectives (Lived Environments) | Expected Learning Outcomes (Lived Environments) |
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| GOAL 1: Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations. | Successful students will... 1.1 Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or theme; 1.2 Engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme | Successful students will explore a range of perspectives on the interactions and impacts between humans and one or more types of environment (e.g. agricultural, built, cultural, economic, intellectual, natural) in which humans live. | Successful students will... 1.1 Engage with the complexity and uncertainty of human-environment interactions. 1.2 Describe examples of human interaction with and impact on environmental change and transformation over time and across space. |

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| <p>GOAL 2: Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work they have done in previous classes and that they anticipate doing in the future.</p> | <p>Successful students will...</p> <p>2.1 Identify, describe, and synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme.</p> <p>2.2. Demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection, self-assessment, and creative work, building on prior experiences to respond to new and challenging contexts.</p> | <p>Successful students will analyze a variety of perceptions, representations, and/or discourses about environments and humans within them.</p> | <p>Successful students will...</p> <p>2.1 Analyze how humans' interactions with their environments shape or have shaped attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors.</p> <p>2.2 Describe how humans perceive and represent the environments with which they interact.</p> <p>2.3 Analyze and critique conventions, theories, and ideologies that influence discourses around environments.</p> |
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| | Baseline (1) | Novice (2) | Advanced (3) | Mastery (4) |
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| <p>ELO 1.1 Successful students will...</p> <p>Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or theme by (a) engaging with the complexity and uncertainty of human-environment interactions.</p> | <p>Does not demonstrate logical or critical thinking; takes a simplistic or reductionist view of sociolinguistic phenomena</p> | <p>Demonstrates understanding of course concepts, but may still characterize sociolinguistic variation as “right” and “wrong”. Developing understanding of complexity, but limited ability to complete analysis.</p> | <p>Consistently takes a descriptive view of linguistic variation. Shows evidence of logical approaches to interpreting the complex relationship between language and society. Able to work with data sets when provided</p> | <p>Demonstrates systemic understanding of linguistic variation and critical viewpoint on the complex relationship between language and society. Shows ability to independently collect and accurately analyze novel data.</p> |
| <p>ELO 1.2 Successful students will...</p> <p>Engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme by (a) describing examples of human interaction with and impact on environmental change and transformation over time and across space.</p> | <p>Engages superficially or produces opinions rather than analysis; fails to connect human interaction and/or cultural exchange with linguistic change and transformation</p> | <p>Shows evidence of developing scholarly skills such as comprehension and summary of complex texts. Links at least one aspect of linguistic variation and change to human interaction and/or cultural exchange, even if they do not do so consistently.</p> | <p>Clear and consistent ability to understand and summarize complex scholarly arguments. Recognizes the role of human interaction and/or cultural exchange in language variation and change.</p> | <p>Produces rich, complex descriptions of the role of human interaction and/or cultural exchange in language variation and change. Displays insight beyond simple repetition of course readings and lectures.</p> |

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| <p>ELO 2.1 Successful students will...</p> <p>Identify, describe, and synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme by (a) analyzing how humans' interactions with their environments shape or have shaped attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors.</p> | <p>Inadequate description or synthesis; is unable to articulate how political or social power have influenced ideologies of language.</p> | <p>Recognizes beliefs, values, and behaviors related to language. Is able to articulate the difference between prescriptive and descriptive approaches to language.</p> | <p>Identifies and describes connections between hegemonic systems of belief in the broader social context and attitudes towards language. Recognizes the role of political and historical power in characterizing language as standard or non-standard.</p> | <p>Connects ideological beliefs about language to societal systems of power and prestige. Displays sophisticated understanding of the complex, multidimensional relationship between institutional pressures, social groups, and individual choices.</p> |
| <p>(b) Describing how humans perceive and represent the environments with which they interact.</p> | <p>Takes commonly received notions of language at face value; fails to demonstrate analytical viewpoint on representation of and through language</p> | <p>Sometimes takes commonly received notions of language at face value, sometimes takes an analytical view of representations of languages and their speakers.</p> | <p>Consistently demonstrates the ability to take an analytical point of view on representations of languages and their speakers.</p> | <p>Clearly demonstrates critical analytical viewpoint on representations of language and their connections with social groups. Able to make novel connections beyond course material.</p> |

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| <p>ELO 2.2</p> <p>Successful students will...</p> <p>Demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection, self-assessment, and creative work, building on prior experiences to respond to new and challenging contexts by (a) analyzing and critiquing conventions, theories, and ideologies that influence discourses around environments.</p> | <p>Is unable to develop self-reflection through analysis of language experience and use; is unable to connect personal experience to discourses and histories of language and linguistic forms.</p> | <p>Is able to connect at least one personal experience or observation to larger-scale discourses and histories of language and linguistic forms. Analytical depth may be limited.</p> | <p>Consistently connects personal experiences or observations of language in at least one cultural context to larger-scale discourses and histories of language and linguistic forms. Analysis is consistently precise, detailed, and accurate, though not necessarily novel.</p> | <p>Uses course material as a jumping-off point for interpretation or re-interpretation of personal experience or independent research. Critically examines their own beliefs and/or positioning with regard to language. Displays incipient ability to evaluate and critique theoretical material.</p> |
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GE THEME COURSES

Overview

Courses that are accepted into the General Education (GE) Themes must meet two sets of Expected Learning Outcomes (ELOs): those common for all GE Themes and one set specific to the content of the Theme. This form begins with the criteria common to all themes and has expandable sections relating to each specific theme.

A course may be accepted into more than one Theme if the ELOs for each theme are met. Courses seeing approval for multiple Themes will complete a submission document for each theme. Courses seeking approval as a 4-credit, Integrative Practices course need to complete a similar submission form for the chosen practice. It may be helpful to consult your Director of Undergraduate Studies or appropriate support staff person as you develop and submit your course. .

Please enter text in the boxes to describe how your class will meet the ELOs of the Theme to which it applies. Please use language that is clear and concise and that colleagues outside of your discipline will be able to follow. You are encouraged to refer specifically to the syllabus submitted for the course, since the reviewers will also have that document. Because this document will be used in the course review and approval process, you should be *as specific as possible*, listing concrete activities, specific theories, names of scholars, titles of textbooks etc.

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Course subject & number

General Expectations of All Themes

GOAL 1: Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations.

Please briefly identify the ways in which this course represents an advanced study of the 1

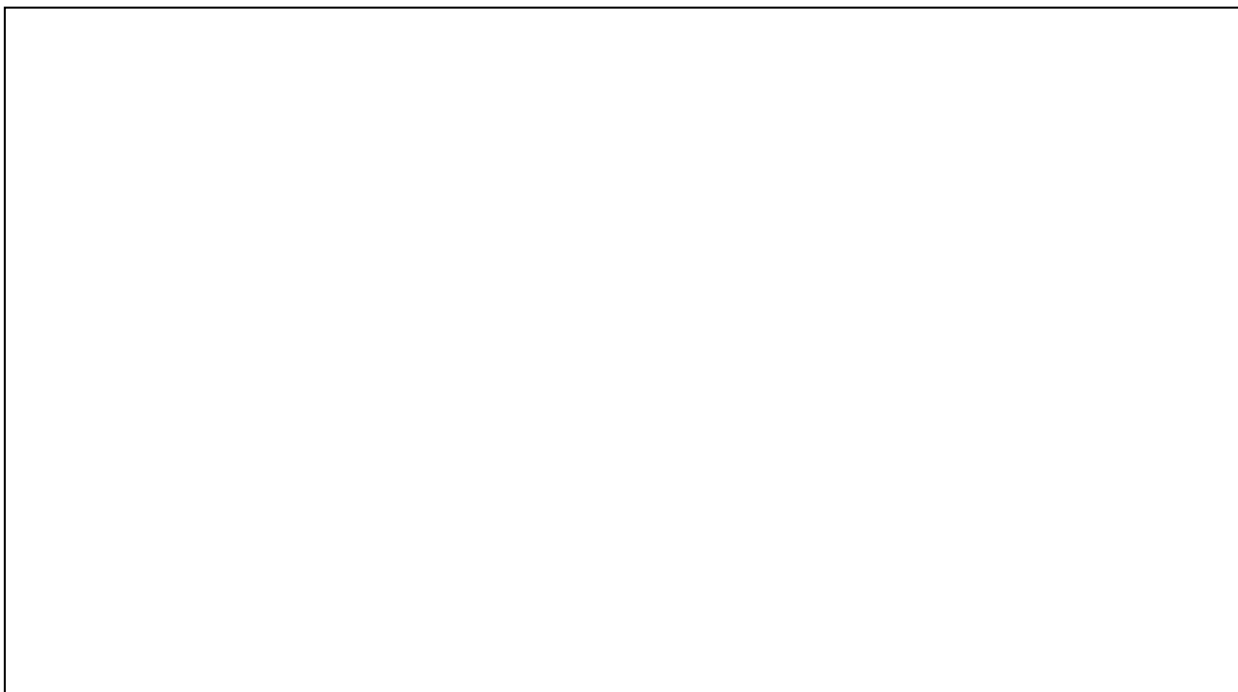
In this context, “advanced” refers to courses that are e.g., synthetic, rely on research or cutting-edge findings, or deeply engage with the subject matter, among other possibilities. (50-500 words)

Course subject & number

ELO 1.1 Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)



ELO 1.2 Engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)



Course subject & number

GOAL 2: Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work they have done in previous classes and that they anticipate doing in future.

ELO 2.1 Identify, describe, and synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

ELO 2.2 Demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection, self-assessment, and creative work, building on prior experiences to respond to new and challenging contexts. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Course subject & number

Specific Expectations of Courses in Lived Environments

GOAL 1: Successful students will explore a range of perspectives on the interactions and impacts between humans and one or more types of environment (e.g. agricultural, built, cultural, economic, intellectual, natural) in which humans live.

ELO 1.1 Engage with the complexity and uncertainty of human-environment interactions. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

ELO 1.2 Describe examples of human interaction with and impact on environmental change and transformation over time and across space. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Course subject & number

GOAL 2: Successful students will analyze a variety of perceptions, representations and/or discourses about environments and humans within them.

ELO 2.1 Analyze how humans' interactions with their environments shape or have shaped attitudes, beliefs, values and behaviors. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

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