LINGUISTICS (LING)

LING 101-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)  WCAS First-Year Seminar
Introduction to linguistic variation and change from a variety of perspectives on social processes. How language can be connected with social group membership and viewed as a tool used in social practice to construct identity. These issues are explored through the quantitative analysis of linguistic variation in a social context. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

LING 220-0 Language and Society (1 Unit)  Introduction to linguistic variation and change from a variety of perspectives on social processes. How language can be connected with social group membership and viewed as a tool used in social practice to construct identity. These issues are explored through the quantitative analysis of linguistic variation in a social context. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

LING 221-0 Language and Prejudice (1 Unit)  Exploration of attitudes toward different accents, dialects, and speech styles in the US context. The relation between language and thought; how language may reflect or reinforce prejudice. Introduction to methods in linguistic research. Ethics Values Distro Area

LING 222-0 Language, Politics, and Identity (1 Unit)  Role of language in constructing, preserving, and manipulating political and national identities. Topics include language nationalism, language and religion, alphabet issues, dialect issues. Regional content varies. LING 222-0 and SLAVIC 222-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Ethics Values Distro Area

LING 223-0 Language & Gender (1 Unit)  Exploration of socially and linguistically significant differences in the language used by/about/to men and women, focusing on the role of language in constructing gender as part of local communities of practice. Taught with GNDR_ST 234-0; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

LING 250-0 Sound Patterns in Human Language (1 Unit)  Introduction to phonetics and phonology. Description and classification of speech sounds in terms of articulation, acoustics, and perception. Similarities and differences of sound patterns across languages. Introduction to speech technology. Natural Sciences Distro Area

LING 260-0 Formal Analysis of Words & Sentences (1 Unit)  Formal structure of words (morphology) and sentences (syntax) in natural language. Biological basis of human language. Formal Studies Distro Area

LING 270-0 Meaning (1 Unit)  How information is encoded in words and sentences and how speakers and listeners use language to communicate. Formal Studies Distro Area

LING 300-0 Topics in Linguistics (1 Unit)  Topics in linguistic theory. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

LING 312-0 Experimental Sociolinguistics (1 Unit)  Experimental approaches to the social meaning of language. Discussion of sociolinguistic research questions best suited to the use of experimental methods. Investigation of theoretical and methodological contributions of experimental work to sociolinguistic theory. Social influences based on language, social expectations’ influence on linguistic perception, roles of experiences, stereotypes and attitudes on language, awareness and control in sociolinguistic perception. Prerequisite: LING 220 or 250; graduate standing or consent of instructor. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

LING 315-0 Experimental Approaches to Word Form Processing (1 Unit)  Experimental techniques and theoretical models for analyzing perception and production of spoken and written word forms. Access to the mental lexicon in perception and production.
LING 350-0 Fundamentals of Laboratory Phonology (1 Unit)
Sound patterns of diverse languages and their expression in articulatory and acoustic phonetics. Syllable structure, phonotactics, morphophonological alternation, stress. Fundamentals of laboratory methods and the quantitative analysis of speech data. Prerequisite: any 200-level Linguistics course or consent of instructor.
Natural Sciences Distro Area

LING 360-0 Fundamentals of Syntax (1 Unit)
Fundamental principles of theoretical syntax. Phrase structure, argument structure, movement operations. Emphasis on argumentation, hypothesis formation and testing, and analytic methods. Prerequisite: LING 260-0.
Formal Studies Distro Area

LING 363-0 Making a Dictionary: The Northwestern Project (1 Unit)
Creation of an online dictionary of Northwestern jargon, slang, etc. Learning about the connection between language, society, and identity; sociolinguistic fieldwork; lexicography; politics of dictionaries; culture and power of book form vs. digital. LING 363-0 and SLAVIC 322-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

LING 370-0 Fundamentals of Meaning (1 Unit)
Theoretical approaches to the study of linguistic meaning. Topics include word meaning, argument and event structure, sentence meaning, truth conditions, and inference types (e.g., entailment, implicature, presupposition). Prerequisite: any 200-level course in linguistics, graduate standing or consent of instructor.
Formal Studies Distro Area

LING 371-0 Reference (1 Unit)
Linguistic and philosophical approaches to the study of reference, focusing on the role of context in the use and interpretation of referring expressions. Topics include definiteness, common ground, genericity, deixis, and anaphora. Prerequisite: any 200-level course in linguistics, a course in philosophy of language, or consent of instructor.
Formal Studies Distro Area

LING 372-0 Pragmatics (1 Unit)
Introduction to extra-semantic meaning, focusing on the role of context in utterance production and interpretation. Topics include the semantics-pragmatics boundary, implicature, presupposition, speech acts, reference, and information structure. Prerequisite: any 200-level course in linguistics or consent of instructor.

LING 373-0 Implicature (1 Unit)
An interdisciplinary approach to the study of extra-semantic meaning, drawing on primary readings from linguistics, philosophy, and psychology. Topics include conversational and conventional implicature, explicature, implicature, and the semantics-pragmatics boundary. Prerequisite: any 200-level course in linguistics or consent of instructor.
Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

LING 380-0 Spoken English for Nonnative Speakers (0 Unit)
Conversational English addressing all oral language skills; primarily for international graduate students who are nonnative speakers of English. Content varies.

LING 381-0 Written English for Nonnative Speakers (0 Unit)
Written argumentation skills and all aspects of academic writing; primarily for international graduate students who are nonnative speakers of English.

LING 398-0 Undergraduate Seminar in Linguistics (1 Unit) By invitation of the department. For students of superior ability, with choice of topic left to the group.

LING 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)