Introduction to Language and Anthropological Linguistics
TCSU ANTH 130

A. Description
This course is an introduction to the anthropological study of language. This course typically includes a survey of core topics in linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics) and the relation of language to social, cultural, and psychological factors. The course may include topics in nonverbal communication, the evolution of language abilities, and historical linguistics.

B. Recommended Preparation
Completion of IGETC Area 1A or CSU General Education-Breadth Area A2

C. Prerequisites
None

D. Minimum Unit Requirement
3 semester units

E. Course Topics
1. Characteristics (definitions) of human language
2. Phonetics
3. Phonology
4. Morphology
5. Syntax
6. Semantics
7. Nonverbal Communication
8. Evolution of language abilities
9. Historical linguistics (language change)
10. Social and cultural aspects of language
11. Psychological factors in language (including linguistic/cognitive development)

F. Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
1. Describe the basic concepts, methods of inquiry, and the theories of anthropological linguistics; and
2. Identify significant data and models that contribute to our knowledge of the past.

G. CAN Equivalent
CAN ANTH 8 (Equivalency ends November 2009)