

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)