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Anthropology 602: Linguistic Anthropology Core Course 

The central concerns of linguistic anthropology are with the relationship between language and the rest of culture and with the way that language is actually used in cultural settings. The overall objective of this course is to provide an advanced introduction to some important topics in linguistic anthropology. These include  
a) cultural grammar, emics, and ethnosemantics  
b) structuralism  
c) linguistic relativism  
d) translation  
d) ethnography of communication  
e) microanalytic and pragmatic approaches  

We will attend to the mutual influences of linguistic theory and methodology on the one hand, and anthropological theory and methodology on the other.  

Grades will be based primarily on three two-hour exams. However, performance on classroom assignments and general quality of contributions to classroom discussions will also be taken into consideration.  

Texts: Sampson, Schools of Linguistics; Foley, Anthropological Linguistics. There are also various articles on electronic reserve.  

Week 1. Introduction to linguistic anthro  
Week 2. Linguistic theory. Read Sampson--Ch. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6  
Week 3. Culture and grammar 1. Read Foley,—Ch. 1, 3, 4; Levi-Strauss  
Week 4. Culture and grammar 2. Read Aberle; Pike; Burling; Goodenough  
Week 5. Ethnosemantics. Read Foley—ch. 5, 6, 7; Frake; Keesing  
Week 6. Exam on weeks 1-5  
Week 7. Meaning. Read Jones; Eagleton (excerpt from Saints and Scholars); Bilmes (Ch. 5)  
Week 8. Linguistic relativism 1. Read Whorf Foley--Ch. 8, 9, 10; Pinker; Sampson (Ch. 4)  
Week 9. Linguistic relativism 2. Read Foley—ch. 11, 12; Lucy; Hudson (pp. 78-102), Edwards  
Week 10. Translation. Read Becker; Malinowski; Asad  
Week 11. Exam on weeks 7-10
Week 12. Sociolinguistics 1. Read Foley--ch. 13, 14 (pp. 260-70), 15
Week 13. Sociolinguistics 2. Read Foley--ch. 16, 17, 18; Bilmes ("Dividing the Rice")
Week 14. Ethnomethodology. Read Heritage; Wieder; Amerine and Bilmes
Week 15. Discourse analysis. Read Foley (pp. 270-85); Duranti; Bakhtin
Week 16. Conversation analysis. Read Bilmes ("Category and Rule in Conversation Analysis"); Goodwin and Goodwin; Bilmes ("Generally speaking"); Moerman