

**Fall 2012**  
**Linguistics 353 (01): Historical Linguistics**  
**Time: MWF 12:00–12:50**  
**Location: MS 217**

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**Course Materials**

- 1) **Text:** Campbell, Lyle. 2004. *Historical linguistics. An introduction*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- 2) **Instructor Handouts** (on Blackboard).

**Course Topics**

Phonological, Morphological, Syntactic, and Semantic Change  
Principles and Methods of Linguistic Reconstruction  
The Reconstruction of Proto-Indo-European  
Typology, Universals, and Linguistic Reconstruction  
Preference Theory (Markedness) and the Explanation of Language Change

**Course Format and Tests**

The course is divided into two complementary streams involving lectures and background readings from the textbook. The lectures, based on the Handouts, treat core issues in the description and explanation of language change. Background material is found in the textbook: chapters 1, 3, and 6 for Test 1; chapters 7, 11, and 12 for Test 2, and chapters 13, 14, and 15 for the Final.

There will be **no** lectures based directly on the material in the textbook. However, questions on the textbook can be brought to class and the pre-test Reviews will also include the textbook material. The tests reflect these two streams. The majority of questions are based on the lecture material. Questions on the textbook background chapters will be selected from a list of study questions that will be provided by the instructor.

Given adequate demand, ReviewFests outside of regular class time will be organized prior to each test.

**Grading**

Two Tests (@ 25% each): Lecture material      50%  
Two Tests (@ 10% each): Textbook material      20%  
Final:      30%

**Grade Scale:** 98%, A+; 95%, A; 90%, A-; 86%, B+; 80%, B; 75%, B-; 68%, C+; 62%, C; 58%, C-; 55%, D+; 50%, D; < 50%, F.

**Exam Schedule (to be confirmed in class):**

Test 1 Textbook: October 5  
Test 1 Lecture: October 12  
Test 2 Textbook: November 9  
Test 2 Lecture: November 19  
Final (non-cumulative, lecture and textbook): Scheduled by registrar.

**Not-So-Fine Print**

1. **Phones of any kind cannot be visible during class. Texting during class time constitutes unacceptable behaviour.**

2. It will not be possible to make up a missed Test. In the case of an excused absence from a Test, the item will not be counted and the weighting of the item will be moved to the Final. Valid excuses for Test absence are birth, death, and serious illness involving yourself or members of your immediate family on the day of the Test. All excuses must be substantiated by the appropriate documentation. An unexcused absence from a Test will result in a grade of zero for that item. There are no make-up Tests.
3. The prerequisites for this course are Linguistics 201 & 203 or equivalent. A student may not register in any linguistics course unless a grade of at least 'C-' has been achieved in all prerequisites for that course.
4. The Undergraduate Advisor for Linguistics is Robert Murray, SS 824 ([lingadv@ucalgary.ca](mailto:lingadv@ucalgary.ca)); the Graduate Program Director is Susanne Carroll, SS 830 ([linggrad@ucalgary.ca](mailto:linggrad@ucalgary.ca)).
5. **Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct**  
Students should be aware that there are severe penalties for cheating and other forms of academic misconduct. Please read the section in The University of Calgary Calendar entitled 'Student Misconduct'. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Most commonly plagiarism exists when:
  - a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test),
  - b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author,
  - c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or,
  - d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved. While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data, and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Some course assignments call for students to work in groups. Unless noted otherwise in writing, students must write up their own answers for submission of the assignment. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism. Plagiarism is an extremely serious academic offence. Possible penalties for plagiarism include: failing the assignment, failing the course, disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of plagiarism is also guilty of academic misconduct.

## **GENERAL COURSE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

### **LINGUISTICS STUDENT ADVISING**

For any questions regarding the undergraduate program in linguistics, the organization of your program, or the selection of courses, contact:

Undergraduate Advisor                      Dr Robert Murray                      SS 824                      403-220-8109  
[lingadv@ucalgary.ca](mailto:lingadv@ucalgary.ca)

### **FACULTY of ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING and STUDENT INFORMATION**

The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require. The PIC is located in the Social Sciences Building, please contact them by phone 403-220-3580 for their current office location, or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca), or visit the website <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate>.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (SSC). Degree advisors assist undergraduate students in planning their overall degree programs along with providing broad educational planning, learning support, assistance with academic difficulties, academic program guidance, writing support, success seminars and peer support. The SSC is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library, or you can contact them on 403-220-5881, by email [success@ucalgary.ca](mailto:success@ucalgary.ca), or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>.

For registration issues, contact Enrolment Services who will also be able to help you with questions about fee payments, awards, financial aid, admissions questions, visiting and exchange students, open studies, transcripts, deferred exams. Enrolment Services are in the MacKimmie Library Block, Room 117, or you can contact them on 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/>.

### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. **You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.**

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT (FOIP)**

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was enacted by the Alberta Legislature on June 1, 1994. The Act is intended first of all to allow any person the right of access to the records in the custody and under the control of a public body although this right is subject to limited and specific exceptions. The Act also includes a strong right to privacy component, allowing individuals to control the manner in which a public body collects personal information, to control the use that a public body may make of the information, and to control the disclosure of that information by a public body. It also allows individuals the right of access to personal information about themselves held by a public body and the right to request corrections to that information.

For more information on FOIP, please visit the website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/>, or contact Jo-Anne Munn Gafuik at 403-220-3602 or by email [munnngafu@ucalgary.ca](mailto:munnngafu@ucalgary.ca)

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For more information on academic misconduct and related UofC regulations please consult the Student Misconduct web pages in the on-line University Calendar. These can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

## **EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND ASSEMBLY POINTS**

The University of Calgary is committed to creating a safe and healthy living and learning environment. The health and safety of our employees, students and the general public are the highest priority of the University of Calgary's Emergency Management Program. During times of emergency, Assembly Points have been identified across campus. These areas have been selected as they are large enough to hold a significant number of people and will provide an evacuated population access to washroom facilities and protection from the elements. Assembly points are also designed to establish a location for information updates:

- from the emergency responders to the evacuees; and
- from the evacuated population to the emergency responders.

Please familiarize yourself with the following:

Emergency Assembly Points: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Emergency Instructions: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/node/28>

## **SAFEWALK INFORMATION**

Twenty four hours a day and seven days a week, Safewalk volunteers walk people safely to their destination on campus. This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors. Requesting Safewalk volunteers to walk with you is easy:

- Call 403-220-5333 (24 hours a day/seven days a week, 365 days a year)
- Use the Help Phones (they are not just for emergencies)
- Approach an on-duty Safewalker and request a walk

For more information, contact the Safewalk main office at 403-220-4750, by email [safewalk@ucalgary.ca](mailto:safewalk@ucalgary.ca) or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION**

The Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) in partnership with the University of Calgary offers students a key advocacy resource to assist in addressing concerns and issues they encounter at the University with the Student Ombuds Office.

For students in undergraduate programs, please contact the Student's Union in the MacEwan Student Centre, Room MSC 251, on 403-220-6551, by email [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca), or visit their website <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>

For students in graduate programs, please contact the GSA in the MacEwan Student Centre, Room MSC 350, on 403-220-5997, by email [ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca](mailto:ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca) or visit their website <http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/>  
The Student Ombuds Office is in the Administration Building, Room A166, or you can contact them on 403-220-6420, by email [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca) or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>