

LING 451 History of Linguistic Thought Fall 2017

COURSE OUTLINE

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DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will be undertaking the ambitious goal of trying to cover the entire range of Linguistics from the earliest stone tablets to acrimonious back-and-forth arguments about Chomsky. Through this, we will consistently revisit a few key questions: What are linguists trying to do? Where does language come from? Does the language of the linguist determine the linguistics? To what extent is linguistics at the mercy of whatever else is going on in the world?

OBJECTIVES

Students should be able to think more critically about contemporary theories, understanding how and why they are shaped the way they are. Students will also gain exposure to primary literature from the 19th and 20th centuries generally not covered in the core curriculum.

OUTCOMES

Students will have a better grasp of the history of the field, and the reason theories have evolved as they have. Students will have a greater familiarity with the development of the field, including exposure to non-Western works.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES

Reading Responses 16% (8x2) Participation 14% Paper Proposal 5% Final Paper 25% Reflection Exercise 10% Midterms 30% (2x15)

GRADING SCALE

A+ = 100-97 A = 93-96 A- = 92-88 B+ = 87-83 B= 82-78 B- = 77-73 C+ = 72-68 C= 67-63 C- = 62-58 D+ = 57-53 D= 52-50 F= 49%

REQUIRED TEXTS

Harris, Roy and Talbot J. Taylor. 1997. *Landmarks in Linguistic Thought I: The Western Tradition from Socrates to Saussure, 2nd Edition.* New York: Routledge.

Plus a number of readings posted on D2L



COURSE NOTES

With the exception of the final paper, all work for this course should be submitted in .pdf format through the D2L Dropboxes

The Participation grade is calculated with respect to three activities, to accommodate those who may not feel comfortable speaking up in class:

In class discussion

D2L forum participation

Engagement beyond the bare minimum with the written reading responses

Policies with respect to missed due dates/midterms are discussed in the course syllabus on D2L.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

- 1. **Plagiarism** is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. 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." Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

- 2. **Cheating** at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.
- 3. **Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.
- 4. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

DISABILITIES AND ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services office at 403-210-6019 or access@ucalgary.ca; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/



Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy 0.pdf

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS

Craigie Hall: Professional Faculties food court (alternate: Education Block food court)
Education Block and Tower: Scurfield Hall atrium (alternate: Professional Faculties food court)
Kinesiology: north courtyard, MacEwan Student Centre (alternate: University Theatres lobby)
For the complete list of assembly points please consult
http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4, <a href="mailt

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it.

Please see http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SAFEWALK

To request a Safewalk escort anywhere on campus, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, please call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help Phones.

Web: http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk

STUDENT UNION INFORMATION

Representatives and contact details: http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html

Student Ombudsman: http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html



WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Writing skills should cross all disciplines. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office (http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/) can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.