Department of Linguistics  
Summer 2015 [1154]  
Burnaby

LINGUISTICS 430/811  
Aboriginal Languages of the Americas  
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PREREQUISITES: 12 Upper-division linguistics credits

RECOMMENDED: LING 323

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course focuses on the aboriginal languages of North America. We will survey the languages of the continent, discussing their genetic affiliations and current status. Then we will focus on aspects of structure that are considered typical of or unique to North American native languages. Next we will turn our attention to the First nations languages of British Columbia. We will explore their linguistic structures and also the efforts being made to maintain them. We will finish with an intensive look at Halkomelem, a local First nations language of the Salishan family.

READINGS
Students will have personalized reading lists constructed with the aid of the professor.

COURSE GRADING:

- Assignments: 20%
- First paper: 40%
- Second paper: 40%

THERE WILL BE NO FINAL EXAM

It is strongly recommended that you see the Student Advisor regarding your degree requirements at least two semesters before you plan to graduate. Unless you meet both faculty and major/minor requirements, your graduation cannot be approved.

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department’s Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities at http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/standards.html.

Please note that a grade of “FD” may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty.

All student requests for accommodations for their religious practices must be made in writing by the end of the first week of classes or no later than one week after a student adds a course.

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (778-782-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca).