Department of Linguistics  
Fall Term 2014 [1147]

LINGUISTICS 803-4  
Discourse and Pragmatics

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an introduction to the analysis of discourse and dialogue. Discourse here is defined as the study of the organization of language above the sentence level, but also as any manifestation of language in context. Dialogue is defined as an instance of language that involves interaction between two or more people.

The course will provide an overview of the phenomena included in the study of discourse and dialogue, from linguistic, psycholinguistic and computational points of view. Students will read original and recent work in these areas, and will be encouraged to collect, analyze and process their own data.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course, students will have learnt the basic aspects of the study of discourse from a functional perspective.

Assignments and final papers will involve analyses of texts from different perspectives. The emphasis is on the identification of patterns and labelling of text structures. The ultimate goal of the assignments is to be able to write a descriptive account of the analysis, and to explain how discourse analysis contributes to a better understanding of language phenomena.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


Additional readings will be made available.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Canvas

COURSE GRADING: The final grade will be calculated according to the percentages below.

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

Please note 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.

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