COURSE DESCRIPTION:
LING 851 surveys issues faced by researchers as they design empirical studies, collect and analyze data, and disseminate their findings. Discussion material is drawn from the speech sciences and applied language studies. Course topics include conceptualization and design of quantitative research studies, statistical concepts and a hands-on experience using SPSS. Each class member will carry out a small data analysis project in which a suitable research question is identified, numerical data are analyzed and results are reported in accordance with APA guidelines.

Required Readings:


Recommended Texts:


COURSE GRADING:

- Participation (including oral presentation) 25%
- Analysis assignments 25%
- Final project 50%

Please note that all course requirements must be completed during the Spring 2015 semester. Under no circumstances will work be carried over into the following term.

*A detailed course outline will be distributed during the first week of classes.*

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