GENERAL INTEREST COURSES (OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS)

LING 100-3 COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE (Breadth-Social Sciences)

We look at a lot of those “why is the sky blue?” type of questions in this course. Only we ask them about language and what we do with language.

You grow up speaking a language with no effort at all. So why is learning another one so much harder when you’re in your teens or twenties? Answers in LING 100. How do animals communicate; do they have languages? Answers in LING 100! Does language influence how we view the world or is it the other way around? Yep, you guessed it – answers in LING 100. Great course; new stuff pretty much every week.

LING 111-3 INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH VOCABULARY ANALYSIS (Breadth-Social Sciences)

This course explores where English words come from, and why their meanings, pronunciations, and spellings change. LING 111 helps to build your vocabulary and the insights it provides keep on working long after the course is over. The course has its technical bits, but mastering them repays you many times over!

LING 160-3 LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND SOCIETY (Breadth-Social Sciences)

We don’t use language in a void. We use it with all kinds of different people in countless situations. How does this variety affect the language we use? LING 160 considers the role of social status, age, gender, and ethnicity in conditioning language.

We’ll also look at how language changes, dialects, stereotyping, and politeness. There’s a huge range of issues to think about that affect us all every time we open our mouths. And of course we’ll try to answer that age-old question: do men and women really use language differently from one another?

LING 200-3 INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH SENTENCE ANALYSIS

This course introduces you to commonly used terminology and concepts employed in analyzing English grammar. It’s a practical course that takes a descriptive approach to how English sentences are put together. That is, it deals with how we actually use English.

LING 200 will appeal especially to those who will be taking other linguistics or related courses at the university level. It’s a really interesting course, which just may help you with your own writing.
LING 220-3 INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (Breadth-Social Sciences)

Linguistics is a big topic to study. We have to break it down into manageable chunks. In LING 220, you explore human language by focusing on speech sounds and how they fit together, words and sentences and how they are assembled, and, finally, how meaning is established.

We’ll consider these concepts mainly through English, but we’ll use a wide variety of language samples from a range of languages. This course will open your eyes to the beauty and complexity of human language and give you some useful analytical skills into the bargain.

LING 280-3 INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS

Topics vary from term to term. For example, in Fall 2017 the topic was The Language of Social Media.

LING 290-3 THE SCIENCE OF SPEECH (Breadth-Social Sciences or Breadth-Science)

Speaking is basic to language. That much is obvious. What is not so obvious is how useful a careful analysis of human speech can be in all kinds of endeavours. In LING 290, you’ll learn about exactly how we speak, what happens in speech disorders, computers and speech, forensics (speech in crime-solving), and applications of speech science in business, ESL, and the arts.

You can only find this kind of material in LING 290. It’s a fact.

For detailed course outlines: www.sfu.ca/outlines.html

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