



Department of Linguistics Spring Term 2014 (?)

**LINGUISTICS 160 – (Breadth – Social Sciences)
Language, Culture, and Society**

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PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the socio-cultural aspects of language. The wide variety of topics to be discussed includes bilingual and multilingual speech communities, language maintenance, language loss and language death, language and ethnicity, gender and age, politeness and stereotypes, regional and social dialects, language variation, the relationship between language and cognition, among other related themes. The focus will be on the relationship between language and society with the objective being to obtain a better understanding of how language functions in a variety of social contexts.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Holmes, J. (2013). *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics* (4th Revised Ed.) Toronto: Pearson Education Ltd. (Longman). ISBN: 978-1-4082-7674-7. Be sure to obtain the correct edition. Older editions will not be used!

A list of additional readings (available in the Library Reserve) will be distributed in class.

COURSE GRADING:

Mid-term Exam 1	25%
Mid-term Exam 2	25%
Presentation	20%
Final Exam	30%

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

Note: This course may be applied towards the Certificate in Liberal Arts or the Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, but not both.

Linguistics program students cannot count this course towards their breadth requirements.

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 effective May 1, 2009, 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).