DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

Linguistics 481-3 DAY
SPECIAL TOPICS: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

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PREREQUISITES: 12 credit hours of upper-division Linguistics courses

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.

Some of the topics to be covered include: coherence relations, cohesion, pronoun interpretation, turn-taking, speech act assignment and discourse markers.

REQUIRED TEXT:
Custom courseware available through the SFU bookstore. Some of the readings will also be available on-line.

GRADING:
Assignments (40%)
Class presentation (20%)
Final paper (40%)

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It is strongly recommended that you see the Departmental Assistant 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.

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