

**The Wonder of Words**

Linguistics 110

Section: E100

Term: 1999 Spring

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Discussion Topics:  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introduction to linguistics through the medium of the English language. The vocabulary of English is studied and used to introduce linguistic principles and analyses. Topics to be explored will include the history of the English language, the history and structure of words, word relationships, changes to words and word components, and word meaning. In-class workshops will teach the most effective use of dictionaries, including etymology, word relationships, and productive word components. Vocabulary enrichment through linguistic principles is a major goal of the course.

This course will appeal to a variety of students: those wishing to commence their study of linguistics, those interested in the origin and structure of words, and those wishing to improve their English vocabulary. It will be beneficial to students of Linguistics, English literature, and English language instruction, and to arts and science students who need to enhance their formal and technical vocabularies.

Grading: To be based on 2 assignments (at 10% each), a midterm (40%), and a final examination (40%).

Note: FINAL EXAMINATION (omitted from 99-1 Course Timetable newspaper) is on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999 from 19:00 - 21:00. Room TBA in Week 7.

Required Texts: Allan McNeill and Moira Taylor, *Wordplay: English Vocabulary Development on Linguistic Principles*.

*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, (Tenth edition), 1993.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None.

Notes:

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