

## Communication and Language

Linguistics 100

Section: D100

Term: 2010 Spring

Instructor: TBA

Discussion Topics: This course introduces the study of language and human communication.

Topics to be covered include:

The biological basis of human language  
Relations of language to cognition, culture and thought  
Structure of language  
The neurological basis of language and language disorders  
Language acquisition  
Languages of the world  
Historical changes in languages  
Human language vs. animal communication  
Evolution of human language  
Language in society  
Spoken vs. written language  
Computational models of language

Grading: Midterm 1            \x0930%

Midterm 2            \x0930%

Final exam            40%

Required Texts: Bauer, Laurie; Holmes, Janet; & Warren, Paul. (2006). *Language Matters*. Houndmills, UK & New York: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN 1-4039-3628-5. Custom Courseware package assembled by Cliff Burgess (2008). (Please make very sure that you purchase the most recent edition of the Custom Courseware, by Cliff Burgess.)

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

Notes: 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.

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.

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