

ANTHROPOLOGY 208: LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

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Textbook

Readings are an essential part of this course. While a few of the readings will be available on-line, you will need to purchase the following textbook. A copy of the textbook will also be on reserve in the Bellevue College library.

A Concise Introduction to Linguistics, 3rd edition.

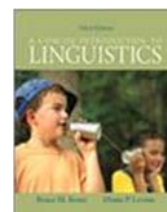
Rowe, Bruce M. and Diane P. Levine 2012

Pearson, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

ISBN: 978-0-205-05181-6 USE THIS NUMBER WHEN BUYING THE TEXTBOOK.

BE SURE TO BUY THE THIRD EDITION.

Used copies of this book are available through the BC bookstore. However, you can also check other online sites for used copies, such as amazon.com; half.com; chegg.com; barnesandnoble.com



Course Outcomes

Listed below are the course outcomes for ANTH 208. Outcomes will be assessed through exams, assignments and discussions.

- Demonstrate basic understanding of the different levels of language structure exhibited by languages around the globe.
- Recognize and give examples of the ways in which language and culture are integrated.
- Critically assess claims about the effect of language on perception and thought, in relation to the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis.
- Apply a holistic ethnographic approach to describing language use in different social and cultural situations.
- Describe how languages evolve over time, and how social and regional dialects may arise.
- Recognize ethnocentric statements about language and be able to explain the value of taking a comparative, relativistic approach to the study of language.

General Education Ratings

- This course is rated “3” in the areas “Critical Thinking” and “Cultural Diversity” and “2” in the area of “Lifelong learning”.

Course Rhythm

- Since this is a summer course, there are only 7 weeks to cover what I normally cover in 12 weeks. Because of this I have reorganized the course. Instead of using weekly modules, as I usually do, the course is organized around four topic modules. Each module will last 10-12 days.
- Be sure to keep track of due dates, since due dates will **not** always be on the same day of the week.
- Because I will be releasing a whole module at one time, you will have some flexibility to work ahead around vacations, work commitments, etc.

Module Overview:

- **Module 1, “The Nature of Language”**, introduces you to the subject of linguistic anthropology and deals with the question of how human languages, both spoken and signed, are similar to or different from other kinds of communication.
- **Module 2, “Linguists’ Toolkit”**, introduces you to the tools linguists use to describe and analyze the structure of languages around the world.
- **Module 3, “Language and Culture”**, looks at how language acquisition and use varies from culture to culture, and how the language we speak may reflect our culture and affect how we view the world.
- **Module 4, “Language and Society”**, addresses the relationship between language and social identity, looking at factors such as age, gender and ethnic group.

Reading List and Course Calendar

- A complete reading list and a schedule of topics and due dates are in separate documents in the Getting Started Module and also under the “Syllabus” tab. I suggest you print these out and keep them accessible, so that you always know what is coming up in the course, even if you do not have web access at some point. Any changes to the reading list or due dates will be announced on the course site.

Grading

Grade distribution

Grades will be calculated using points, distributed as follows:

Getting Started assignments	20 points: Getting Started Quiz (10) Introductory Discussion (5) Email Questionnaire (5)
4 Unit Exams (40 points each, multiple choice)	160 points
2 Unit Assignments (2 @ 25 points each)	50 points
1 project (chosen from several options)	40 points
Reading discussions 4 @ 10 points each	40 points
Reading quizzes and surveys (At least 10 offered. These are really practice quizzes that you can take as often as you wish.)	20 points
TOTAL:	320 points

Grading scale

Final grades will be calculated based on the following grading scale:

95-100%	A
90-94%	A-
85-89%	B+
80-84%	B
75-79%	B-
70-74%	C+
65-69%	C
60-64%	C-
55-59%	D+
50-54%	D
below 50%	F

Details of the Bellevue College grading policy can be found at:

http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/3/3000_grading.asp

Extra credit

There may be one or two opportunities for small amounts of extra credit. Pay attention to announcements if you are looking for extra credit points. However, try to do well in the regular assignments rather than relying on extra credit.

What should you do to succeed in this class?

Since this is a survey course, we will be covering a lot of material. In order to be successful in the course, you will need to be sure you are keeping up with the assigned readings and assignments. The following advice may help you be more successful.

1. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I welcome your emails and questions at any time. Often a problem can be easily solved if it is addressed immediately. Too often, though, students delay in letting me know about a problem until the end of the quarter when it may be too late to resolve it.

2. Participation in class

Participating actively in class will help you learn. Be a regular participant in the discussions.

3. Reading

Reading is a very important part of learning in this course. If you find that you are having trouble understanding or completing the assigned readings, I suggest you try the following:

- i. Look at the review questions at the end of each chapter in the textbook, and the answers at the back of the textbook. Use the glossary at the back of the textbook to help you understand any technical terminology.
- ii. Look over the "Tips for doing readings" document posted in "Getting Started".
- iii. Email me to ask questions about any of the readings if you find them difficult.
- iv. Ask a question in the reading discussion to get help from your classmates.

Class Expectations

Syllabus and Social Science Division Guidelines and Procedures Review

You are required to review this syllabus and the Social Science Division Procedures and Guidelines (at the end of the syllabus), which apply to students in this class. Enrollment in the course constitutes an agreement to abide by the procedures and guidelines set forth in these two items. If you have any questions about the meaning of any of this material, please ask me.

My expectations of students:

- Be respectful to other students
- Read instructions carefully and contact me whenever you have questions
- Turn work in on time
- Do not wait until the last minute to ask for help

What you can expect from me:

- Respectful responses to questions
- Responses within 24 hours to email. I will warn you ahead of time if this will not be possible for any reason. If you do not hear back from me, please email again after 24 hours, to be sure that your message got through.
- Work usually graded within a week. Again, I will warn you if I cannot meet this goal. Project grading is time-consuming, and may take longer than a week.

Due dates

- All course work must be submitted/posted/completed by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.

Late work

- In general I do not like to accept late assignments, as it seems unfair to students who submit on time.
- However, I know that life can present unexpected challenges which prevent you from turning work in on time. If you feel that you have a valid reason for needing to submit work late, you may write an email asking me to accept your late work. You should always do this as soon as possible. If your request comes in after the due date, you will need to have a good reason. In your email you should state why your assignment is/will be late, and provide any evidence you can to support your claim. I will consider these requests on a case by case basis.
- Vacations are not a valid excuse for late work. If you will be out of town without web access on due dates, you should complete the work before you leave.
- If I agree to accept late work from you, it is your responsibility to let me know when the work is completed, and to follow-up with me if it is not graded within a week after submission.

Behavioral Expectations for Discussions

- During discussions, you may find that your fellow students hold beliefs and opinions that are very different from yours. This is an opportunity to perfect your critical reasoning skills, and to learn to examine claims based on supporting evidence. The on-line classroom, just like the on-campus classroom, must be safe and open for all students regardless of their age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, or perspective. We will observe the following guidelines for discussion. (Thanks to Dr. Nancy Gonlin for sharing these with me.)
 1. We are not here to persuade others to our point of view; rather to examine the merits of each position, based on evidence.
 2. We can respect the person even if we don't share his/her opinions.
 3. We will question the evidence or the claim; not the person.
 4. We will remain open to corrective feedback as to our views and/or the impact of our communication style.
 5. We will avoid phrases such as: "People like that..." "That's a stupid question....idea....etc." "They always..."
 6. No one should be understood to be 'representing' the racial/ethnic, gender, class, etc. group to which he or she belongs. You speak only for yourself.

Avoiding Plagiarism

Plagiarism is "the uncredited use (both intentional and unintentional) of somebody else's words or ideas." (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>) It is considered a serious academic offense. You can avoid plagiarism by always citing the sources you use in researching projects or papers. Here are two excellent sources you can use to help you:

- <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>
- <http://bellevuecollege.edu/asc/writing/essays-guides/documents/plagiarism.pdf>

Students with Disabilities

If you have medical information to share with me, please contact me via email. If you need course modifications, adaptations, or accommodations because of a disability, I can refer you to our Disability Resource Center (DRC). If you prefer, you may contact them directly by going to B132 or by calling 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110. Information is also available on their website at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/drc/>

Student Code

“Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one’s own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Vice President of Student Services.” The Student Code, Policy 2050, in its entirety is located at: http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp

Affirmation of inclusion.

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect. <http://bellevuecollege.edu/about/goals/inclusion.asp>

Safe Space

This class is a Safe Space for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

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Email Communication with instructors must be done through student email accounts only. Instructors cannot communicate with students about their course work or grades through student's personal email accounts.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Centre, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and program assistants or coordinators will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*