Los Angeles Mission College

Spring Semester, 2013

Course Information

Course: Linguistics 1 (3 units)Instructor: Dr. David PardessSection: 3311Voice Mail: 818/364-7686, 24 hrs.Location: INST 1005E-mail: pardesdf@lamission.edu

Days and Time: W 6:50-10 pm **Office:** CSB 107

Class will not meet: 4/3 Hours: TWTh 5:30 until class begins

Final Exam: 5/29, 8:00 pm and by appointment

<u>Dropping the Class</u> Students who stop coming to class must drop the class officially on or before May 5 or risk receiving a final course mark of F.

<u>Cell Phones</u> Please put your cell phone away during class time. Please do not text message or receive text messages during class.

<u>iPods, etc.</u> Please do not use your iPod or any similar device in class. Please do not put earphones in your ears.

<u>Laptops</u> Please do not use your laptop in class.

<u>Course Description</u> A summary of what is known about human language, the unique nature of human language, its structure, its universality, and its diversity; language in its social and cultural setting; language in relation to other aspects of human inquiry and knowledge.

Required Texts Please buy *The Study of Language*, 4th edition, by George Yule. You may also wish to acquire the *American Heritage Dictionary*, which contains up-to-date etymologies, a fascinating index of Indo-European roots, and a detailed chart of the Indo-European family of languages.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will transcribe the sounds of English and other languages in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).

Students will decipher English words written in IPA transcription.

Students will analyze the morphological structure of words in English and other languages.

Students will analyze the syntactic structure of sentences in English and other languages.

<u>Course Objectives</u> This is a university level transfer course and standards will be high. Topics include the sounds of English and other languages (phonetics), the sound patterns of languages (phonology) the pieces and parts of words (morphology), alphabets and other writing systems (orthography), the meanings of words (semantics), the sentence patterns of languages (syntax), language in society (sociolinguistics), language change throughout time (historical linguistics), child language development, animal communication, and language and the brain.

Course Requirements Students are required to ...

attend all class meetings, arrive on time and stay seated until class is over. pay close attention and take notes in class. take the midterm and final on the day they are given. buy Scantron 882-E forms at the student store. call or e-mail me beforehand if unable to come to class.

Course Grading There will be a midterm and a final exam. Your final course mark will be based on the average of your two exam scores. Students with averages in the 90s will receive an A, those in the 80s will receive a B, those in the 70s will receive a C, those in the 60s will receive a D, and those in the 50s or below will receive an F. Students taking the course on a Credit/No-Credit basis must earn a minimum of 70% to pass. Final course marks are firm and will not be changed. There are no extra credit assignments. Any cheating during exams will result in a grade of F. The instructor may require any student to retake the equivalent of any exam under supervision.

Important Dates

February 4	Classes begin
February 14	Last day to add in person
February 14	Last day to drop with a refund in person
February 15	Holiday – Campus closed
February 18	Presidents' Day holiday – Campus closed
February 18	Last day to drop with a refund on line
March 4	Last day to drop without a W
March 28	César Chávez Day holiday – College closed
March 29-April 7	Spring Break – College closed
May 3	Last day to drop with a W in person
May 5	Last day to drop with a W on line
May 25	Instruction ends
May 27	Memorial Day holiday – Campus closed
May 28 – June 3	Final exam week
June 4	Graduation ceremony

<u>Caveat</u> Although this syllabus has been carefully prepared, let it be noted that its contents are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.