

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LALI-140 The Science of Linguistics

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LALI-140	The Science of Linguistics	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	3	BENG100
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Lower Division	English

Course Description

This course includes the following topics: Properties of language, Grammar, Animal “languages”, Morphology and Syntax, Phonetics, Language in a social context, Language Acquisition

Instructor

Dr Elli Doukanari

Course Aims and Objectives

This is an introductory course to linguistics. It addresses questions such as What is language?, what are the origins of language?, why are there so many languages?, what mechanisms are involved in learning a language?. In general this course introduces students to the basic ideas relating to the field of linguistics and prepares them for more advanced courses such as General Linguistics.

Teaching Methods

Facilities are available for PowerPoint lecture presentations, VCRs, Online Computers, Computer Labs. Teachers may also use a mix of lectures, tutorials, case studies, student presentations, group work, role play, literature review, analysis of research data, and field visits and have visiting specialists give lectures

Course Teaching Hours

3 hours a week over a thirteen week semester.

Evaluation and Grading

Final exam: 40%
Midterm: 30%
Continuous: 30%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Fromkin, V. and Rodman, R. (1993) an introduction to language (Fifth edition), United States: Holt, Reinhart and Winston.

Recommended Reading

Bauer, L. (1983) English Word Formation. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Bickerton, D. (1981) Roots of Language. Ann Arbor, Mich.: Karoma

Chomsky, N. (1975) Knowledge of Language: its nature, Origin and Use. New York: Praeger