

## ICEG 250 – Introduction to Linguistics

### ICGC205 – Linguistics

#### Course Information

#### 1. Course Aims

To introduce students to the primary areas of study in linguistics, with elements both of theory and of practical analysis of language.

The course focuses on central questions within the field of linguistics, like 'What is language?', 'How does language work in the brain?', 'What is language made of?', 'How do we acquire language?', 'How is language used in society?', or 'How does language change over time?'. Topics covered include characteristics and definitions of human language, language and cognition, biological aspects of language, grammar, language acquisition mechanisms, language and society, and language change.

#### 2. Learner Outcomes

This introduction to linguistics will help students understand the nature of the languages they speak as well as provide new insights into their study of languages at MUIC.

#### 3. Typical Class Activities and Interaction

Lectures, class discussions, self-guided activities, group work, practical applications.

#### 4. Reference Materials and Resources

Fromkin, V., Blair, D. & Collins, P. (1999). *An introduction to language*. Harcourt.

Students will need reliable access to the Internet in order to attend Zoom sessions and exploit on-line databases as well as resources shared with them in Google Classroom.

#### 5. Assessment

Your final grade will be broken down as follows:

Quizzes	60%
Research Assignment	15%
Presentation	15%
Participation	10%

## 6. Grading

Grades for this course will be awarded in the following grade bands:

<b>A</b>	90-100	<b>C+</b>	75-79	<b>D</b>	60-64
<b>B+</b>	85-89	<b>C</b>	70-74	<b>F</b>	0-59
<b>B</b>	80-84	<b>D+</b>	65-69		

## 7. Assignments

- All assignments must be formatted according to APA guidelines (7<sup>th</sup> edition).
- All assignments are due on the date specified. If your instructor doesn't have your submission by that time, your assignment will be considered late. Papers that are submitted late will face a penalty. This policy also applies to submitting your work to Turnitin.com.
- Academic dishonesty is prohibited at MUIC. It is a serious offense because it diminishes the quality of scholarship and makes accurate evaluation of student progress impossible. Plagiarism will therefore be treated as a form of cheating and will be dealt accordingly. Plagiarism is taking someone else's words or ideas as one's own in any academic exercise. It includes the following:
  - Submitting as one's own paper a paper written by another person or by a commercial ghost-writing service.
  - Exactly reproducing someone else's work without identifying the words with quotation marks or by appropriate indentation or without citing the quotation or referencing.
  - Substantially copying prior work.
  - Paraphrasing or summarizing someone else's work without acknowledging the source with a citation or reference.
  - Using facts, data, graphs, charts or other information without acknowledging the source with a citation or reference.
  - Cutting and pasting information from electronic sources without acknowledging the source with a citation or reference.

Penalty for cheating includes but is not limited to:

- Grade F for the subject
- Grade F for all subjects registered in the trimester
- Academic suspension for the next regular trimester
- Dismissal

Use of Turnitin.com technology should help students avoid accidental plagiarism. It is each student's responsibility to check their own originality report issued by Turnitin.com and amend their paper before the deadline, if needed.

## 8. Policies

- Online Session Policies:
  - Students are required to wear proper attire while attending online sessions, especially during examinations (see MUIC Student Handbook for more details). Students who fail to wear the proper attire may be asked to leave the session and marked absent.
  - All unnecessary devices must be turned off during class time. Permission from the instructor is required to leave a device on in an emergency.
  - Students should refrain from eating during online sessions.
- Attendance:
  - Students are required to have at least 80% class attendance.
  - Three late attendances equal one absence. Students joining more than 15 minutes after the start of class will be considered late, while those joining more than 30 minutes late will be considered absent.
  - Most illnesses, medical appointments, emergencies, family matters & personal matters including car accidents *will not be considered as excused*. Students will only be excused for the conditions described under make-up examinations (below).
- Make-up examinations will only be allowed under the following conditions:
  - The student is admitted to a hospital for a serious illness. A doctor's certificate and receipt of a medical bill must be presented.
  - There is a death in the immediate family. Official documents must be presented.
  - The student is participating in an official university event with a letter of certification from the Office of Student Affairs and Research.
  - The student is required to attend a session regarding his conscription responsibilities. Official documents must be presented.
  - Students who would like to request a make-up examination must complete the procedures described in the MUIC Student Handbook.

## 9. Course Plan (may be subject to change)

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1. What is language?
2. How does language work in the brain?
3. What is language made of?
4. How do we acquire language?
5. How is language used in society?
6. How does language change over time?