

Department of Anthropology

**ANTH 2253B/IS 2253B 200– Endangered languages and language revitalization
PROVISIONAL COURSE OUTLINE
Winter 2023-24**

Version date: August 24, 2023

Instructor and course information:

Class day/time: Fridays 10:30-12:30

Office hours: To be announced on the course OWL site.

Credit Value: 0.5

Requisites:

Antirequisites: None

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

The interrelationship of language, race, and ethnicity is complex and multifaceted. We will begin by generating an understanding of each of these concepts and seeing how they intersect. The focus will be on linguistic anthropology methods that allow us to understand the ways in which language is being used to talk about, express and identify race and ethnicity. Examples will be drawn cross-culturally and cross-linguistically, and topics will be varied.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Read, summarize, and critically evaluate language-related literature from academic and popular sources about race and ethnicity
- Locate and synthesize research findings in linguistic anthropology with the purpose of formulating and effectively communicating well-supported arguments about race and ethnicity
- Recognize, understand and respect the complexity of cultural and linguistic diversity in the past and the present, locally and globally about race and ethnicity
- Appreciate the history, key arguments and applications of different theoretical approaches used in linguistic anthropology about language, race and ethnicity.
- Identify, evaluate and employ, in an ethical manner, appropriate methods for conducting anthropological research on language, race, and ethnicity.

Course Materials:

TBA. Some materials will be available through OWL course website. Login at <http://owl.uwo.ca>

Evaluation:

Weekly Quiz	20%
Assignments	70%
Culminating assignment	10%

Quizzes – 20%

Each week there will be a quiz on OWL based on the materials assigned for that week. Students should do this after reading/watching /listening to the materials assigned and before coming to lecture. This will be due 30 min. before class. Lowest quiz will be dropped.

Homework Assignments – 70%

Every week starting in week 2, there will be an assignment posted related to that week's topic. Students must complete 7 out of 9 assignments each one worth 10%. If more than 7 are completed, the top 7 will be used to calculate the final grade. At least 4 must be completed by the March 07 (last day to withdraw).

Culminating Assignment – 10%

Using all of the info compiled in the homework assignments, students will create a summary for lay audience. This can take a variety of formats such as an infographic, a short video or podcast. More details will be provided on OWL. This will be due during the exam period.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

Academic Statements and Policies:

Academic Integrity - Statement on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing. It is also a scholastic offence to submit the same work for credit in more than one course. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence.

Use of OWL

Western's online course management program, will be used for providing the final course outline and weekly schedule (using the Syllabus page), completing weekly quizzes (using the Test and Quizzes tool), providing, submitting and returning assignments (using the Assignments page), and communicating with the class (using the Announcements and Messages tools). Pdf copies of Powerpoint presentations will be made available in the OWL Lesson pages. All grades will be posted in the OWL Gradebook.

Accommodation Policies:

No accommodations will be granted retroactively more than 10 days after a missed quiz or test. Please see your academic counsellor immediately if you will be seeking accommodations based on medical or compassionate grounds.

All missed work must be made up by the end of the exam period in the applicable term.

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Academic Rights and Responsibilities

All students should familiarize themselves with Western's current [Academic Policies in the Academic Calendar](#) which include, but is not limited to, academic consideration for medical illness, accommodation for religious holidays, academic appeals, academic accommodation for students with disabilities, as well as scholastic discipline.