Bemidji State University

ML 5430: Introduction to Linguistics

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course is an introduction to the study of language and linguistics. In this course, we will analyze the characteristics of language as well as its structure and organization. Besides that, we will study issues of language use including how languages vary, how pidgins and creoles are created, how language is learned, what motivate language users to choose specific vocabulary or language structures, and how language, culture and society are interconnected. Students in this course will acquire tools and knowledge to become conscious language users and to better communicate. This class is conducted in English.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/02/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Language and Linguistics: key concepts and ideas
2. Language diversity, language similarity
3. Linguistic structures and functions of languages: phonemes, morphemes, syntax, lexicon
4. Sociolinguistics: language or dialect, regional and social variation, languages in contact, bilingualism, language and culture
5. Pragmatics: language in context (situation and social factors)
6. Language learning/acquisition
7. Animal communication
8. Practical applications of Linguistics

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. explain the main properties of human languages.
2. apply linguistic terminology to describe and analyze language and linguistic phenomena.
3. explain the general characteristics of the structure of language.
4. evaluate their attitudes towards language and how it is used in society and culture.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted