

The Wonder of Words

Linguistics 110

Section: D100

Term: 2010 Fall

Instructor: Dr. Paul McFetridge

Discussion Topics: This course is an introduction to linguistics through the medium of the English language. The vocabulary of English is studied and used to introduce linguistic principles and analyses. Topics to be explored will include the history of the English language, the history and structure of words, word relationships, and changes to words and word components.

Students will be provided with a web site that offers opportunities for practice. Students are encouraged to make use of this opportunity to practice analysis on the web site before submitting assignments.

This course will appeal to a variety of students: those wishing to begin their study of linguistics, those interested in the origin and structure of words, and those wishing to improve their English vocabulary. Students of Linguistics, English literature, and English language instruction, and arts and science students who need to enhance their formal and technical vocabularies will find it useful.

Grading: 4 Assignments\09\0930%
Mid-term\09Exam\0930%
Final Exam\09\09\0940%

Required Texts: McFetridge, Paul. (2008). A Linguistic Introduction to the Structure and History of the English Lexicon. SFU Publications.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

Notes: NOTE: This course may be applied towards the Certificate in Liberal Arts or the Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, but not both.

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities at <http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/standards.html>.

Please note that effective May 1, 2009, a grade of FD may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty.

All student requests for accommodations for their religious practices must be made in writing by the end of the first week of classes or no later than one week after a student adds a course.

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