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This is a basic course in linguistic field methods that introduces students to the methodology of elicitation, transcription, organization, and analysis of linguistic data of a language not known to the teacher or the students. With the help of a native speaker of a lesser-known and understudied language, we collectively envisage to discover structure of the language at all levels of grammar: phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic, as well as use of the language in the society. The emphasis is to explore the characteristic features of the language on the basis of the first-hand collected data and to determine how different or similar the language is to the language/s generally known to us. This will be achieved by using structured questionnaires and by analyzing oral texts.

Students will be trained to prepare a small grammatical sketch and dictionary of the language by working on individual topics. Training to use software to prepare talking dictionaries such as Lexique Pro or Flex will be given.

- Newman, Paul and Martha Ratliff (eds), 2001. *Linguistic Fieldwork*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. Introduction and Chapter 1.
- Payne, Thomas E. 1997. *Describing Morphosyntax. A Guide for Field Linguists*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Shopen, Timothy (ed. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition) 2007. *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*. Vol. 1 and 2. Cambridge University Press.
- Thieberger, Nicholas (ed.) 2012. *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Fieldwork*. Oxford University Press.
- Vaux, Bert & Justin Cooper. 1999. *Introduction to Linguistic Field Methods*. München: LINCOM EUROPA.

In addition, students will be required to read general and specific topic-related articles.

These books will be on reserve at the library. Additional reading materials will be made available on the course webpage.

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Exams: Mid Semester 25%

Participation: 25%

Assignments: Field Report on individual topics 50%

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's

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Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability, must contact the

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