ESL 3003 | Language and Schooling

Course Description
This course introduces students to key concepts in linguistics, which are directed toward a broad understanding of human language, with particular attention to second language and bilingual contexts. The course has been designed for students with little or no previous work in linguistics and begins with an introduction of basic linguistic principles and relates these to second language teaching and learning contexts.

Course Objectives
1. Develop the ability to use linguistic concepts and procedures in the analysis of language structures and use.
2. Articulate the implications of linguistic principles for the teaching of language minority students.

Required Texts

Assignments & Tests
Problem Sets
Quizzes
Exam I – Morphology, Phonetics, Phonology
Exam II – Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics
Cumulative Final Project

Grading Evaluation
Assignments, quizzes, and tests are clearly indicated on the class timeline.

Grading System
Attendance & Participation 10%
Problem Sets 15%
Quizzes 15%
Exam 1 20%
Exam 2 20%
Cumulative Final Project 20%
Total 100%

Letter Grades
90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
60-69 D
< 60 F
Course Policies

Attendance & Participation - Reading and active class participation are integral to this course. Students are expected to come to each meeting prepared to discuss the readings and actively engage in practice problems.

Late Work - LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please plan to begin work early on assignments so that last minute problems will not prevent you from submitting them on time. If you know in advance that you will have to miss class, make sure to e-mail your assignment or problem set to the instructor before class is scheduled to meet.

Missed Exams - If, for any reason, you know in advance that you will be absent on the day of an exam, you must notify the instructor well in advance so that arrangements can be made for you to take the exam early. STUDENTS WHO MISS EITHER EXAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A MAKE-UP EXAM (WHICH WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL EXAM) ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008, THE SAME DAY OF THE FINAL PROJECT IS DUE

WEB-CT

A Web-CT Course Site has been established for this course. Please let me know if you have any difficulty accessing the site. A copy of this syllabus, project guidelines, readings which are not in your textbooks, general course information, PowerPoint and other materials used by the instructor will be hosted there. In addition, external links, and the quizzes can also be accessed through WEB-CT. Important announcements, updates, and new documents will also be posted there during the course.