## 人社院學士班 106 學年度下學期課程大綱

科號	HSS 330100	組別		學分	3	人數限制	30
科目中文名稱	世界語言通論			教室 人社 C507			
科目英文名稱	Languages of the World						
任課教師	廖秀娟 (Dr. Hsiu-chuan Liao)						
上課時間	Thursday (四) 3:30-6:20PM						
擋修科目	無 (No prerequisite)		擋修	分數			
授課語言	英語授課 (offered in English)						
通識課程	Elective GE course: Humanities (人文學領域選修通識)						

## 一、課程說明

This course aims to provide students with some basic and some not-so-basic facts about languages of the world. We will be looking at the diversity of languages across space (and time), their fundamental similarities, and other puzzles. By the end of the class, students are expected to know not only the membership and geographical distribution of each language family covered in this course, but also some salient linguistic features of each language family.

\*\*\*No prerequisite is required for this class. However, an interest in language(s) is desirable. Even if you haven't taken "Introduction to Linguistics" before, you are still encouraged to take this course because I will introduce basic linguistic concepts (e.g. Phonetics and Phonology (i.e. sounds and sound systems); Morphology (i.e. units of words, word formation, etc.); Syntax (i.e. phrases, sentences, and phrase/sentence formation, etc.) in the first five or six meetings of the class.

\*\*\*This course will be lectured in English.

\*\*\*Chinese translation for technical terms will be provided. Students can ask questions in either English or Mandarin Chinese.

## \*\*\*POLICY ON AUDITING

The auditing option is available ONLY to **graduate students** from the Institute of Linguistics at Tsing Hua. If you would like to audit my class, please make sure that you **e-mail me to get my approval BEFORE the first class meeting**.

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二、指定用書	Selected chapters from the following books:		
	Campbell, Lyle. 2013. <i>Historical linguistics: An introduction</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition. Cambridge: The MIT Press. [*Chapter 6: Linguistics Classification (Sec. 6.1-6.3 (pp. 159-174))] Comrie, Bernard, ed. 2009. <i>The world's major languages</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition. London: Routledge. [P371.W6 2009] Goddard, Cliff. 2005. <i>The languages of East and Southeast Asia</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. [PL493.G63 2005] O'Grady, William, and John Archibald, eds. 2015. <i>Contemporary linguistic analysis: An introduction</i> (8 <sup>th</sup> edition). Toronto: Pearson Canada. [Chapters 1-5; Chapter 7]		
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- Vol.3 Theoretical foundations.
- Vol.4 Ibero-American and Caribbean linguistics.
- Vol.5 Linguistics in South Asia.
- Vol.6 Linguistics in South West Asia and North Africa.
- Vol.7 Linguistics in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Vol.8 Linguistics in Oceania.
- Vol.9 Linguistics in Western Europe.

- Vol.10 Linguistics in North America.
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\*Gary F. Simons, and Charles D. Fennig, eds. 2018. *Ethnologue: Languages of the World*, twenty-first edition. Dallas, Texas: SIL International. Online version: <a href="http://www.ethnologue.com">http://www.ethnologue.com</a>.

[The most complete and up-to-date catalogue of the world's languages, location, and speaker numbers]

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[It provides <u>vocabularies</u> (mini-dictionaries of about 1000-2000 entries) of 41 languages from around the world, with comprehensive information about the loanword status of each word. It allows users to find <u>loanwords</u>, <u>source</u> <u>words</u> and <u>donor languages</u> in each of the 41 languages, but also makes it easy to compare loanwords across languages.]

\*SSWL (Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages) (http://sswl.railsplayground.net/)

[SSWL is a searchable database that allows users to discover which properties (morphological, syntactic, and semantic) characterize a language, as well as how these properties relate across languages. As of September 27, 2017, the SSWL database has permanently migrated to its new home at Terralingua.

Terraling: Explore the World's Languages. 2013.

(http://www.terraling.com/)

[Terraling is a collection of searchable linguistic databases that allows users to discover which properties (morphological, syntactic, and semantic) characterize a language, as well as how these properties relate across languages. This system is designed to be free to the public and open-ended. Anyone can use the database to perform

Ager, Simon. Omniglot: The online encyclopedia of writing systems and languages. <a href="http://www.omniglot.com/">http://www.omniglot.com/</a>

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	*Universit	*University of Iowa. Phonetics: The sounds of American English.			
		http://soundsofspeech.uiowa.edu/resources/english/english			
		.html (A useful site for hearing how each segment			
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四、教學方式	through a experience participate The instadvanced I give a gue features of studied betthe class a at the Institution advance audio files previous y	series of readings with linguistic in class discussic tructor will invite learners of "exotist lecture on basic their native langfore (or are current mainly (current tute of Linguisticed learners are no recorded from g	analysis. Students are expected to ons.  a number of native speakers and/or c" languages to come to the class to color linguistic facts and salient linguistic ruage or of a language that they ntly studying). [Guest speakers of at/former) graduate students studying es.] Moreover, when native speakers at available, the instructor may play uests who made presentations in are encouraged to actively interact		
五、教學進度	TENTATIV	TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE			
	Week 1	02/22/2018	Orientation		
	Week 2	03/01/2018	Language: A preview (O'Grady and Archibald 2015—Ch.1)		
			Classification of Languages-I: Genetic Classification (Campbell 2013, Sec.6.1-Sec.6.3 (pp. 159-174)) dialect vs. language language families vs. isolates distant genetic relationships and macrofamilies		
	Week 3	03/08/2018	Some basic linguistic concepts—I: Phonetics (Ch.2) and Phonology-1 (Ch.3)		
	Week 4	03/15/2018	Some basic linguistic concepts—II: Phonology-2 (Ch.3)		
	Week 5	03/22/2018	Some basic linguistic concepts—III: Morphology (Ch.4)		
	Week 6	03/29/2018	Some basic linguistic		

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		concepts—IV: syntax (Ch.5)
		Classification of Languages-II: Typological Classification (Ch.7—Sec. 7.2)
		morphological classification
		syntactic classification: word order correlations: case
*Week 7	04/05/2018	No class: Holiday (Tomb-sweeping Day)
Week 8	04/12/2018	Ainu, Japanese, Korean, Turkic, Mongolian, and Tungusic; Uralic [guest lecture: Japanese (by Yu-Ju Yang (楊又儒))]
Week 9	04/19/2018	Sino-Tibetan I: Sinitic languages [guest lecture: Taiwanese Southern Min (by Roger Cheng-yen Liu (劉政諺))]
Week 10	04/26/2018	Sino-Tibetan II: Tibeto-Burman [guest lecture: <b>Burmese</b> ( <b>by Thin Thin Su</b> (蘇秀鳳))]
Week 11	05/03/2018	Hmong-Mien, Austro-Asiatic, and Tai-Kadai (or Kra-Dai) [guest lecture: <b>Thai (by Noppakao</b> <b>Sirintranon (高錦榕))</b> ]
Week 12	05/10/2018	Austronesian [guest lecture: Squliq Atayal (by Dr. Maya Yu-ting Yeh)]
*Week 13	05/17/2018	No class: Conference (28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 28))
Week 14	05/24/2018	Linguistic Fieldwork and Languages of the World (guest lecture: Dr. Alexander D. Smith)
Week 15	05/31/2018	Indo-European [guest lecture: Sanskrit: Cheng-shiun Wu (吳承勳)]
Week 16	06/07/2018	Languages of the Americas [group presentation 1]
Week 17	06/14/2018	Languages of Africa [group presentation 2]
Week 18	06/21/2018	Languages of Australia (Pama-Nyungan vs.

	non-Pama-Nyungan) [group presentation 3]
六、成績考核	The course grade is based entirely on how well the following requirements are fulfilled.
	(a) participation (15%) [interacting with the instructor and/or guest speakers in class; *attending Linguistics Colloquium lectures announced by the instructor]
	(b) homework assignments and/or in-class practice exercises (50%)
	(c) group project: individual presentation + written report (35%) [Week 16 ~ Week 18]
	<ul> <li>♦ A late homework assignment will be accepted ONLY in DOCUMENTED cases of illness or crisis.         [Note: You are expected to submit your homework assignment on time (i.e. you are expected to submit a PDF file of your homework assignment by 12:00noon of the following Monday), so the instructor/teaching assistant can have sufficient time to check the assignment and return it to students in class on Thursday.]         ★***Failure to submit practice exercises and homework assignments on time will result in either a "low pass" or an "F" (i.e. below 60 for undergraduate students) in students' final course grade.     </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>***Academic honesty is highly valued by the instructor.</li> <li>***Plagiarism (i.e. the use of other people's words and/or ideas without giving proper citation or acknowledgement) will result in an "F" (i.e. below 60 for undergraduate students) in students' course grade. Copying of other students' answers to practice exercises and/or homework assignments will also be considered plagiarism. Please be aware of it.</li> <li>Students are responsible for material and information covered in classes that they miss.</li> </ul>
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