

## 人社院學士班 109 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	<b>英語授課 (offered in English)</b>						
通識課程	<b>Elective GE course: Humanities (人文學領域選修通識)</b>						

一、課程說明	<p>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.</p> <p><b>***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 class.</b></p> <p><b>***This course will be lectured in English.</b></p> <p><b>***Chinese translation for technical terms will be provided. Students can ask questions in either English or Mandarin Chinese.</b></p> <p><b>***POLICY ON AUDITING</b></p> <p>The auditing option is available <b>ONLY to graduate students</b> from the Institute of Linguistics at Tsing Hua. If you would like to audit my class, please make sure that you <b>e-mail me to get my approval BEFORE the first class meeting.</b></p>
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## 二、指定用書

**articles from *Encyclopaedia Britannica*:**

\*\*Encyclopaedia Britannica. <https://www.britannica.com/>

- ◆ Japanese (by Masayoshi Shibatani)
- ◆ Korean (by Samuel Martin)
- ◆ Manchu-Tungusic (by Robert I. Binnick)
- ◆ Mongolian languages (by Robert I. Binnick)
- ◆ Turkic languages (by Lars Johanson)
- ◆ Indo-European languages (by Jay H. Jasanoff and Warren Cowgill)
- ◆ Indo-Aryan languages (by George Cardona)
- ◆ Indo-Iranian languages (by George Cardona)
- ◆ Sino-Tibetan languages (by Søren Christian Egerod)
- ◆ Southeast Asia (by Thomas R. Leinbach and William H. Frederick)
- ◆ Tibeto-Burman languages (by James A. Matisoff)
- ◆ Tai languages (by Fang Kuei Li and David B. Solnit)
- ◆ Hmong-Mien languages (by Martha Ratliff)
- ◆ Austroasiatic languages (by Gérard Diffloth)
- ◆ Austronesian languages (by Robert A. Blust)
- ◆ Australian aboriginal languages (by Jeffrey G. Heath)
- ◆ Afro-Asiatic languages (by H. Ekkenhard Wolff)
- ◆ Khoisan languages (by Anthony Traill and Oswin R. A. Köhler)
- ◆ Niger-Congo languages (by John T. Bendor-Samuel)
- ◆ Nilo-Saharan languages (by Morris F. Goodman and Gerrit J. Dimmendaal)
- ◆ Mesoamerican Indian languages (by Lyle Campbell)
- ◆ North American Indian languages (by Lyle Campbell and William O. Bright)
- ◆ South American Indian languages (by Jorge A. Suárez)

**Selected chapters from the following books:**

Campbell, Lyle. 2013. *Historical linguistics: An introduction*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Cambridge: The MIT Press. [\*Chapter 6: Linguistics Classification (Sec. 6.1-6.3 (pp. 159-174))]

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- \*Dryer, Matthew S., and Martin Haspelmath, eds. 2013. *The World Atlas of Language Structures Online*. Leipzig: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Available online at <http://wals.info/>
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	<p>Human History. (Available online at <a href="https://glottolog.org/">https://glottolog.org/</a>)  [Glottolog is an initiative of the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena. It provides comprehensive reference information for the world's languages, especially the lesser known languages]</p> <p>*Haspelmath, Martin, and Uri Tadmor, eds. 2009. <i>World Loanword Database (WOLD)</i>. Available online at <a href="http://wold.cild.org/">http://wold.cild.org/</a>.  [It provides <a href="#">vocabularies</a> (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 <a href="#">loanwords</a>, <a href="#">source words</a> and <a href="#">donor languages</a> in each of the 41 languages, but also makes it easy to compare loanwords across languages.]</p> <p>*SSWL (Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages) (<a href="http://sswl.railsplayground.net/">http://sswl.railsplayground.net/</a>)  [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. <b>As of September 27, 2017, the SSWL database has permanently migrated to its new home at Terralingua.</b>]</p> <p>Terraling: Explore the World's Languages. 2013. (<a href="http://www.terraling.com/">http://www.terraling.com/</a>)  [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 queries.]</p> <p>*Interactive IPA Chart. Available online at <a href="https://www.ipachart.com/">https://www.ipachart.com/</a>.</p> <p>Ager, Simon. Omniglot: The online encyclopedia of writing systems and languages. <a href="http://www.omniglot.com/">http://www.omniglot.com/</a></p> <p>*Ladefoged, Peter. <i>A course in phonetics</i>, 5<sup>th</sup> edition [Chapter 1].  <a href="http://www.phonetics.ucla.edu/course/chapter1/chapter1.html">http://www.phonetics.ucla.edu/course/chapter1/chapter1.html</a> (A useful site for hearing how each IPA symbol is pronounced.)</p> <p>*Linguistic Society of America (LSA).  <a href="http://www.linguisticsociety.org/">http://www.linguisticsociety.org/</a></p>
四、教學方式	<p>This course covers major language families of the world through a series of readings, lectures, discussions, and 'hands-on' experience with linguistic analysis. Students are expected to participate in class discussions.</p> <p>The instructor will invite a number of native speakers and/or</p>

	<p>advanced learners of “exotic” languages to give a guest lecture on basic linguistic facts and salient linguistic features of their native language or of a language that they studied before (or are currently studying). [Guest speakers of the class are mainly (current/former) graduate students studying at the Institute of Linguistics.] Students are encouraged to actively interact with guests of the class.</p>
五、教學進度	<p><b>TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Week 1    02/25/2021    Orientation: Languages of the World (<i>Washington Post</i> 2015);  <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2015/04/23/the-worlds-languages-in-7-maps-and-charts/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2015/04/23/the-worlds-languages-in-7-maps-and-charts/</a>];  <b>[Assignment 1: Domain of Linguistics/ Why Major in Linguistics (LSA website) (<a href="http://www.linguisticsociety.org/">http://www.linguisticsociety.org/</a>)]</b></p> <p>Week 2    03/04/2021    Language: A preview (O’Grady et al. 2017—Ch.1)  Classification of Languages-I: Genetic Classification (Campbell 2013, Sec.6.1-Sec.6.3 (pp. 159-174))  --pidgins and creoles  --dialect vs. language  --language families vs. isolates  --distant genetic relationships and macrofamilies  <b>[Assignment 2: Exercises # 3 (Ch. 1--p.12)]</b></p> <p>Week 3    03/11/2021    Some basic linguistic concepts—I: Phonetics (O’Grady et al. 2017—Ch.2)  <b>[Assignment 3: Exercises #5, 6, and 9 (Ch. 2—p.53, p.54)]</b></p> <p>Week 4    03/18/2021    Some basic linguistic concepts—II: Phonology (O’Grady et al. 2017—Ch.3)  <b>[Assignment 4: Exercises #7 (Ch.3—p.95)]</b></p> <p>Week 5    03/25/2021    Some basic linguistic concepts—III: Morphology (O’Grady et al. 2017—Ch.4)</p> <p>Week 6    04/01/2021    Some basic linguistic concepts—IV:</p>



		Syntax (O'Grady et al. 2017—Ch.5)
Week 7	04/08/2021	Indo-European (1) [guest lecture: <b>Sanskrit (by Cheng-shiun Wu (吳承勳))</b> ]
Week 8	04/15/2021	Indo-European (2)
Week 9	04/22/2021	Languages of Africa [guest lecture: <b>Swahili and Bena (by Grace Jenipher Mayemba)</b> ] Languages of the Americas Languages of Australia (Pama-Nyungan vs. non-Pama-Nyungan)
Week 10	04/29/2021	Austronesian (1)
Week 11	05/06/2021	Austronesian (2) [guest lecture: <b>Siraya (by Shu-Fen Lee (李淑芬))</b> ]
Week 12	05/13/2021	Austro-Asiatic [guest lecture: <b>Vietnamese (by Viet Thanh Cao (高成越))</b> ]
Week 13	05/20/2021	Hmong-Mien and Kra-Dai (or Tai-Kadai) [guest lecture: <b>Thai (by Noppakao Sirintranon (高錦榕))</b> ]
Week 14	05/27/2021	Sino-Tibetan (1): Sinitic [guest lecture: <b>Southwest Mandarin (by Molly Huang (黃婧))</b> ]
Week 15	06/03/2021	Sino-Tibetan (2): Sinitic [guest lecture: <b>Cantonese/Yue (by Hoi Hin Lee (李鎧軒))</b> ] <b>***a complete draft of your group presentation PPT due</b>
Week 16	06/10/2021	So-called 'Altaic languages' [guest lecture: <b>Japanese (by Kye Shibata (柴田海))</b> ]
<b>*Week 17</b>	<b>06/17/2021</b>	<b>term project presentation</b>
<b>*Week 18</b>	<b>06/24/2021</b>	<b>term project due (3:30PM)</b>

六、成績考核	<p>The course grade is based entirely on how well the following requirements are fulfilled.</p> <p>(a) participation (15%) [interacting with the instructor and/or guest speakers in class]</p> <p>(b) homework assignments and/or in-class practice exercises (50%)</p> <p>(c) group project: individual presentation [Week 17] (35%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>A late homework assignment will be accepted ONLY in DOCUMENTED cases of illness or crisis.</b>  <u>[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 <b>by 12:00noon of the following Monday</b>), so the instructor/teaching assistant can have sufficient time to check the assignment and return it to students in class on Thursday.]</u></li> <li>◆ <b>***Failure to submit practice exercises and homework assignments <u>on time</u> will result in either a “low pass” or an “F” (i.e. below 60 for undergraduate students) in students’ final course grade.</b></li> <li>◆ <i>Wikipedia</i> is an unreliable source for linguistic information. Please make sure that you do NOT copy information from <i>Wikipedia</i> for either your assignments or group project. Using information from <i>Wikipedia</i> might create a crisis for your course grade. Please be aware of it.</li> <li>◆ <b>***<u>Academic honesty is highly valued by the instructor.</u></b>  <b>***<u>Plagiarism</u> (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. Submission of identical assignments/papers after discussion with other students will also be considered plagiarism. Please be aware of it.</b></li> <li>◆ If you need to take a leave from a particular class meeting, <b>you are expected to inform the TA and/or the instructor directly</b> (by e-mail, phone call, and/or text message).</li> <li>◆ Students are responsible for material and information covered in classes that they miss.</li> </ul>
七、講義位址 http://	