

MDL 215/ Introduction to Linguistics

1 course unit

(occasionally)

This course will introduce basic concepts of descriptive linguistics with emphasis on the analysis of problems drawn from the languages of the world. Students will learn how to analyze languages in terms of phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Students will become familiar with the major language families of the world as they work on problems in language description in the various areas of linguistics covered in the course. MDL 215 will also include readings on the relationship of language and dialect, spoken and written language, language and society, language universals and language variation. This course is taught in English.

MDL 220/ Introduction to Romance Linguistics

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Prerequisites: French, Spanish, or Italian 103, or a course in linguistics elsewhere in the College, or the permission of the instructor.

This course will introduce basic concepts of historical Romance linguistics. The language of instruction is English. Students will study examples of sound change, morphological change, syntactical change, and lexical development. The course will introduce linguistic geography, language contact, the relationship of language and culture, the role of dialects, the creation of the national standards, minority languages, and the expansion of Romance languages beyond Europe. This course will contain a Languages Across the Curriculum (LAC) component.

MDL 321/ Introduction to Historical Linguistics

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Prerequisites: SPA 350 or SPA 372 or MDL 220 or LNG 202; or by permission of instructor

This course will introduce basic concepts of historical linguistics with a focus on the development of the Indo-European language family. Students will study examples of phonetic and phonological change, morphological change, syntactical change, lexical development, and the competition of centrifugal and centripetal forces in language communities. Students will study linguistic geography, the relationship of language and culture, the role of dialects, and linguistic register as factors in language change. Students will become familiar with the major language families of the world as they work on problems in historical linguistics and see the role of archaeology and history in historical linguistics. This course will contain a Languages across the Curriculum (LAC) component.

MDL 370/Topics in Foreign Language

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Focuses on a different topic each semester. Taught in English.

MDL 371/Topics in Foreign Literature in English

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Focuses on a different topic each semester.

MDL 390/Second Language Acquisition and Related Methodologies

1 course unit

(spring)

Prerequisites: Successful completion of SPA 241 or permission of instructor.

This course explores how the human brain acquires languages. It prepares pre- and in-service teachers to effectively teach languages in K-12 system. It is the foundation course that provides students with in-depth theoretical and practical knowledge to teach a foreign language. In keeping with the NCATE Foreign Language Teacher Standards and the New Jersey State Standards, this course includes: a) second language acquisition theories and applications; b) the teaching of the five Cs of the National Standards and c) the use of technology-enhanced instruction. This course is usually taken during the junior year; it must be taken before student teaching. Taught in English. Does not satisfy 300 level elective for Spanish major.