CAS LX 250  Introduction to Linguistics

What languages have in common (universals) & how they differ
The physical matter of language:
- How sounds work in spoken languages (phonetics, phonology)
- How language works in other modalities -- written language, sign language

How words & sentences are structured (morphology, syntax)
How meaning is constructed & interpreted (semantics, pragmatics)
How languages vary (idiolects, dialects) & change (historical linguistics)
How language is used in different social settings (sociolinguistics)

How language is learned (acquisition)
Multilingualism & language contact (pidgins, Creoles)
How language is produced & perceived (neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics) and what can go wrong (disorders)
How human language is different from animal communication systems

No prerequisites
Carries Humanities Division credit

3 Hub units:
Scientific Inquiry I; Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy; Critical Thinking

Difference between a cat and a comma?

One has claws at the end of its paws; the other's a pause at the end of a clause.