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: Social Inquiry I; Individual in Community; Research & Information Literacy