

# **Introduction to Human Language and Self-Expression**

**FALL 2017**

Arizona State Prison Complex Perryville

Day and Time: tba – class will meet weekly

## **Have you ever wondered???**

**“What is Language?” “What separates humans from other animals?” “How do we form sounds?” “How do children learn language?” “Why do people speak differently?” Where do Languages come from and how do they change?” “How do humans use language in everyday life?”**

**If you are interested in these types of questions, then this class is for you.**

### **Course Overview and Objectives:**

This interdisciplinary course provides both a strong foundational understanding of the nature and structure of Human Language by exploring Phonetics, Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, Sociolinguistics, Conversation Analysis, Speech Act Theory and Pragmatics while simultaneously acquiring a strong foundation in Writing by exploring basic Essay Structure, Logic, and Rhetoric. Prerequisites: no prior experience with these topics required. Course limit: 25 students.

### **Format:**

Class sessions will include lectures, discussions, class activities, group and individual exercises.

### **Course Certificates:**

Although this course is non-credit and students will not receive grades, this class still demands equivalent effort and time. In place of adhering to a typical A-E grading scale, students can attain certificates of completion. The scale follows:

- Certificate of Completion: 70% of classes attended and work completed
- Passed with Distinction: 80% of classes attended and work completed
- Passed with Honors: 90% of classes attended and work completed
- Passed with High Honors: 100% of classes attended and work completed

### **Course Policies:**

Promote a friendly, respectful, and positive learning environment.

**Schedule:**

Week 1--	Welcome / Introduction to Human Language / Language Acquisition
Week 2--	The Sounds of English / Introduction to Essay 1 /Activity: Exploration of Identity
Week 3--	The Sounds of English Activity / Introduction to Essay Structure
Week 4--	Parts of Speech / POS Activity / Structure of Essay 1 Activity
Week 5--	The Structure of English Words / Deductive and Inductive Reasoning
Week 6--	The Structure of English Sentences / Logic Activity: Analyzing Text
Week 7--	The Verb / Logical Fallacies
Week 8--	Exam 1 / Essay 1
Week 9--	Conversation Analysis: TCU/TRP / Introduction to Essay 2
Week 10--	Rhetorical Devices / Activity: Logical Fallacies Analyzing Text
Week 11--	Conversation Analysis: Repair/Story-Telling / Activity: Exploration of World-View
Week 12--	Speech Act Theory / Activity: Analyzing Text
Week 13--	Activity: Complete Analysis of a Text
Week 14--	Exam 2 / Essay 2 / Farewell