

Syllabus

LIN837P--AUSTRONESIAN LINGUISTICS II: PHONOLOGY AND LEXICON

Second trimester, School year 2005-2006

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to provide a basic appreciation of the nature of Austronesian (AN) languages, the scope and structure of the Austronesian language family, the history of the scholarship on Austronesian languages, and some of the more hotly-debated issues in current Austronesian linguistics.

Topics to be covered include: (i) a survey of phoneme inventories in Austronesian languages, (ii) a survey of phonological alternations, or processes in Austronesian languages, and (iii) a survey of morpheme structure (phonotactics) in Austronesian languages.

Data will be drawn from a number of Austronesian languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Library research report (due **October 22**) 50%

Research/Term paper (due **December 12**) 50%

Grades for this course will be based on one short library research report (50%) and one research/term paper (50%).

- One library research report: (4–10 typed pages; except examples, everything should be double-spaced)
 - **Phonological system:** Describe the phonological system of an Austronesian language. Include information on at least the following points: (a) How many vowels (native and borrowed) can be found in the language? (b) How many consonants (native and borrowed) can be found in the language? (c) Is stress phonemic? (Use minimal pairs to illustrate the above three points.) (d) If

possible, also discuss allophonic variations and phonological rules found in the language.

- **Term paper:** All registrants are expected to write a brief report on any aspect of the phonology and lexicon of one (or more) Austronesian language(s).
 - **Format:** All registrants are expected to write a 10–20 (double-spaced) page paper that conforms to the guidelines of *Language* or *Oceanic Linguistics*. [Note: Examples should be presented in a (single-spaced) three-line format (Line 1—language data (use IPA Doulos 93 for phonetic symbols); Line 2—interlinear gloss; Line 3—free translation).]
 - **Deadline:** The research paper is due at **4:00PM, Monday, December 12, 2005**.

REQUIRED READINGS:

A collection of articles from journals and books [see Reading List].

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic/Activity
Week 1	September 17	Introduction (Blust 1999; Dyen 1971)
Week 2	September 24	PAN sounds (Ross 1992; Wolff 2003)
Week 3	October 1	AN vowels--I (Blust 1990--vowels; Charles 1974)
Week 4	October 8	AN vowels--II (Reid 1973a; Conant 1911[1973])
Week 5	October 15	AN consonants--I (Blust 1990--consonants; Wolff 1988; Zorc 1996)
Week 6	October 22	Library research report due AN consonants--II (Conant 1912[1973]; Reid 1973b)
Week 7	October 29	AN accent/stress--I (Zorc 1979, 1983)
Week 8	November 5	Independent Study
Week 9	November 12	AN accent/stress--II (Wolff 1993; Zorc 1993)
Week 10	November 19	speech strata (Blust 1992)
Week 11	November 26	rice/terrace building terms (Reid 1994)
Week 12	December 3	AN faunal terms (Blust 2002)
Week 13	December 10	Independent Study
Week 14	December 12	Term paper due
Week 14	December 17	spatial orientation and terms (Blust 1997) Course card distribution

READING LIST

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