## **Syllabus**

# LIN839P---COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF WESTERN AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

First trimester, School year 2006-2007

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is intended to provide an overview of western Austronesian languages. Topics to be covered include: (i) historical and typological overview of western Austronesian languages; (ii) transitivity and ergativity; (iii) subjecthood. Data will be drawn from a number of western Austronesian languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Term paper presentation (**July 29 and August 5**) 40% Research/Term paper (due **August 15**) 60%

Grades for this course will be based on one presentation (40%) and one research/term paper (60%).

- **Term paper:** All registrants are expected to write a brief report on morphosyntax of one (or more) western Austronesian language(s).
  - <u>Presentation</u>: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q-A. Please prepare handouts for all participants in the class.
  - 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 or Doulos SIL for phonetic symbols); Line 2—interlinear gloss; Line 3—free translation).]
  - Deadline: The research paper is due at 10:00AM, Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

## **REQUIRED READINGS:**

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

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic/Activity
Week 1	May 27	Orientation
Week 2	June 3	Historical Overview (Adelaar 2005)
Week 3	June 10	Typological Overview—I (Himmelmann 2002a, 2005)
Week 4	June 17	Typological Overview—II (Himmelmann 2005)
Week 5	June 24	Holiday: Araw ng Maynila
Week 6	July 1	Transitivity and Ergativity (De Guzman 1988; Mithun
		1994)
Week 7	July 8	Ergativity and Subjecthood (Blake 1988; Schachter 1976)
Week 8	July 15	Subjecthood (Payne 1982; Kroeger 1993a)
Week 9	July 22	Independent Study
Week 10	July 29	Term paper presentation-I
Week 11	August 5	Term paper presentation-II
Week 12	August 12	Independent Study
Week 13	August 15	Term paper due (10:00AM)
Week 13	August 19	History of western AN voice marking (Ross 2002a, 2002b)
Week 14	August 26	Course card distribution

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