

Syllabus

Comparative-Historical Linguistics

First Philippine Linguistic Institute

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Time: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-12:00noon, March 31-April 11, 2008

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction to the principles of historical linguistics. We will examine the concepts of linguistic reconstruction and language change through a problem-solving approach.

Topics to be addressed include: (i) genetic relationship; (ii) sound change and the Comparative Method; (iii) language contact and borrowing; (iv) subgrouping

Data will be drawn from a variety of languages, with a focus on the languages of the Austronesian language family.

TEACHING METHODS

This course covers major topics in historical linguistics through a series of readings, lectures, discussions, and 'hands-on' experience with comparative analysis.

REQUIRED READING

**Crowley, Terry. 1997. *An introduction to historical linguistics* (3rd edition). Auckland, Oxford, and New York: Oxford University Press. [Call #: P140 C76 1997]

Greenberg, Joseph H. 1957. *Essays in linguistics*. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press. [III (pp. 35–45) and IV (pp. 46–55)]

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TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/Activity</u>
Meeting 1	03/31/2008	Genetic Relationship (Crowley-Ch. 1; Greenberg-Ch. III)
Meeting 2	04/01/2008	Types of Sound Change (Crowley-Ch. 2); Phonetic and Phonemic Change (Crowley-Ch. 4)
Meeting 3	04/02/2008	Expressing Sound Changes (Crowley-Ch. 3); The Comparative Method (Crowley-Ch. 5)
Meeting 4	04/03/2008	Grammatical, Semantic, and Lexical Change—I (Crowley-Ch. 7)
Meeting 5	04/04/2008	Grammatical, Semantic, and Lexical Change—II (Crowley-Ch. 7)
Meeting 6	04/05/2008	Borrowing and Language Contact (Crowley—Ch. 12; Campbell—Ch. 3)
	04/07/2008	National Holiday
Meeting 7	04/08/2008	Internal Reconstruction (Crowley-Ch. 6); Subgrouping (Crowley--Ch. 8.1; Greenberg—Ch. IV)
Meeting 8	04/09/2008	Lexicostatistics and Glottochronology (Crowley-Ch. 8.2)
Meeting 9	04/10/2008	Problems with the Comparative Method (Crowley-Ch. 11)
Meeting 10	04/11/2008	Linguistic Prehistory (Crowley-Ch. 13)