

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## ANTH 265: Language and Culture

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

ANTH 110 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

The relationship between language and culture with emphasis on historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, and ethnolinguistics. MnTC Goal 5.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 06/01/1995 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. The Nature of Language
  - a. What is Language?
  - b. Language and Thought
2. Language and Society
  - a. Multilingualism
  - b. Language Endangerment and Revitalization
3. Language and Identity
  - a. Region and Class
  - b. "Race" and Ethnicity
  - c. Language and Gender
4. Language as Social Action
  - a. Discourse, Performance, and Ritual
  - b. Language Ideology

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Know how anthropologists study language.
2. Understand the distinctive features of languages and dialects.
3. Understand the performance aspects of language.
4. Understand connections between language and culture and various aspects of social life.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted