Ling 115, Historical Linguistics Course Syllabus, Spring 2010

Tues, Thurs 2:00 – 3:15
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http://www.tinyurl.com/ling115

Elements of this course:

• Weekly written assignments Completing the assignments is essential to understanding the material and earning a grade.
• The midterm and final exams will include written long-answer, short-answer, and multiple choice components. Both examinations are closed book and closed notes.
• The final exam is Tuesday June 8, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Grade components:

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Policies:

• Assignments are due in class. If you wish to submit an assignment early, you may leave it in your TA’s mailbox in the Linguistics Department (3607 South Hall). Late assignments will be assessed a 10% penalty assessed for each subsequent weekday.
• Assignments must be typed: even for special symbols such as IPA characters.
• If you have questions about the homework, be sure to ask them at the beginning of class or bring them to office hours.
• You may work together but you must write up your own assignments. If you worked with other students on an assignment, note their name on your assignment.
• All students are expected to understand and comply with university policies regarding plagiarism and originality of work. Plagiarized assignments will receive a grade of 0 and may result in additional disciplinary action.
• Disruptiveness in class will not be tolerated and will result in grade reductions.
• Regrade and Audit requests must be done in writing. If you feel that there is an error in the grading of your assignment or exam, please submit a one paragraph explanation with your complete assignment or exam. Regrades due to clerical (i.e. mathematical) errors will simply be recalculated. Other regrading requests will subject your assignment or exam to undergo complete regrading.

Readings

Additional readings will be made available from the course website as needed.
Proposed schedule of topics and readings (subject to change)

Week 1  Mar 30 – Apr 1  Intro, basic concepts, sound change
Crowley Ch 1-2

Week 2  Apr 6 – Apr 8  Sound change 2
Assignment 1 Due
Crowley & Bowern Ch 3-4

Week 3  Apr 13 – Apr 15  Comparative Method
Assignment 2 Due
Crowley & Bowern Ch 5

Week 4  Apr 20 – Apr 22  Families and Internal Reconstruction
Assignment 3 Due
Crowley & Bowern Ch 6 -7

Week 5  Apr 27 – Apr 29  midterm Apr 27; Quantitative approaches
Crowley & Bowern Ch 8

Week 6  May 4 – May 6  Quantitative approaches, Comparative 2
Crowley & Bowern 8 - 9

Week 7  May 11 – May 13  Morphological change
Assignment 4 Due
Crowley & Bowern Ch 10

Week 8  May 18 – May 20  lexical + semantic change
Assignment 5 Due
Crowley & Bowern Ch 11

Week 9  May 25 - May 27  Syntactic Change
Assignment 6 Due
Crowley & Bowern Ch 12

Week 10 Jun 1 – Jun 3  Remaining issues
Crowley & Bowern Ch 13

Special Accommodations
University policy requests that any accommodation must be initiated by the student. If you need special accommodations for the examinations, or if you have other learning needs that your TA or instructor should be aware of, you may request accommodations by contacting the Disabled Students Program.

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