

COURSE DETAIL

LINGUISTICS FIELDWORK

Country

Japan

Host Institution

International Christian University

Program(s)

International Christian University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Linguistics

UCEAP Course Number

156

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

LINGUISTICS FIELDWORK

UCEAP Transcript Title

FIELDWRK/LINGUISTIC

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

This course is designed to provide fieldwork experience in a classroom setting. Students learn to analyze a language that they do not know through hands-on experience. This is not a lecture course. It is a specialized advanced-level course that provides opportunities in the classroom to use techniques of language elicitation, and to gain practice in gathering and describing a language using only data from an informant who is a native speaker of the language. Imagine this situation. You survive a plane crash but you are trapped in an isolated mountain forest. You know neither the language nor the culture. The local people do not know yours. You start to learn language and customs. Your method is hands-on but systematic -- planning and keeping records with paper and pencil. In the social sciences, this activity is termed fieldwork. In each class students encounter and gather data from an informant or consultant who is an expert in the language they work with. Previous language analysis has been done with speakers of Twi, Yoruba, Tagalog, Dutch, Okinawan, Thai, and Russian, as well as with Deaf signers of ASL and JSL.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

LED313E

Host Institution Course Title

FIELDWORK IN LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION

Host Institution Campus

International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Language Education

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