



Linguistics Program , University of Western Ontario

LINGUISTICS 9811b: Dialectology. Winter 2025. Wednesday, 11am-2pm, UC 2120

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This course offers a solid grounding on the fundamental theoretical and descriptive concepts of dialectology as well as practical experience for developing scholars. Students are invited to deepen their knowledge in the field by carrying out a four-phase research project (annotated bibliography, abstract, in-class presentation, final paper) on a specific topic of particular interest to them chosen in consultation with the instructor. The course addresses areas such as the origins of dialectology and its relationship to other branches of linguistics, linguistic geography, dialectometry, urban dialectology and dialect topography. Materials and readings draw on a variety of languages and language families.

Evaluation	Weighting	DATES
Chapter presentation (10 min (could be longer))/ report	10%	Whenever the chapter is in the syllabus
Critical annotated bibliography	20%	February 7th
Abstract (conference-style)	15%	March 7th
Research Presentation (20 minutes + discussion)	15%	April 2nd
Final research paper	30%	April 25th
Participation/preparation/ discussion	10%	<i>Every day...</i>
TOTAL	100%	

****Submission time is 11:55pm for all assignments****

Our principal required text will be: Chambers & Trudgill 1998. *Dialectology* (2nd edition) available online: <https://doi-org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CBO9780511805103>
Other readings will be made available on the OWL site for the course.

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