

**LINGUISTICS 9619a:** Language Variation. Fall 2020. Tuesday ~~9:30-12:30~~. 8-10:30, via Zoom.

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This course offers students the opportunity to explore a range of scholarship in the theory, methodology and findings of sociolinguistic research on language variation. Through a four-phase research project (annotated bibliography, abstract, in-class presentation, final paper), students will carry out an empirical analysis of a set of language data as part of their course project, or do a critical survey of the literature to argue a position on a given sociolinguistic topic. Specific topics of particular interest to students will be chosen in consultation with the instructor (specific weightings of assignments will be discussed at the first class meeting). The language of instruction will be English but students have the option of submitting written work in English, French or Spanish. Students in French Studies graduate programs are required to submit all written work in French.

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### Evaluation

Chapter (article) presentation (10 min?)/ report	10%	Sept. 29, October 6, 13....
Critical annotated bibliography	15%	October 20
Abstract (conference-style)	15%	November 17
Research Presentation (20 minutes + discussion)	20%	Dec. 1, 8
Final research paper	30%	Dec. 15.
Participation/preparation/ discussion	10%	Every day...
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Our principal required text will be: Chambers & Trudgill 1998. *Dialectology* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) available online: <https://doi-org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1017/CBO9780511805103>

At our initial meeting we agreed to change the schedule to begin at 8 am (London, Ontario time) to allow for maximum participation, and to record each seminar to make it available for those unable to attend. It is agreed that these recordings will be for private, personal use only and will not be shared outside of those enrolled in this course.

### **IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS IN LINGUISTICS COURSES:**

Please be sure to consult the following information and keep a copy of it for yourself:

[http://www.uwo.ca/french/undergraduate/counselling/academic\\_information/index.html](http://www.uwo.ca/french/undergraduate/counselling/academic_information/index.html)

#### **Accommodation for Medical Illness**

In all cases where accommodation is being sought for work totaling more than 10% of the final grade, students should go to their Faculty Academic Counselling, and not to the instructor, where it will be determined if accommodation is warranted and to acquire the appropriate paper work. For work worth less than 10% of the final grade, accommodation will normally take the form of reweighting other grades.

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