Course Goals: Students are introduced to the basic assumptions, goals and research methodologies of Linguistics. This course is designed especially for graduate students who may have never studied Linguistics before, but may have a background in another field such as language teaching or literary studies. This course explores language, which is a fundamental capacity of all humans, which includes the sounds of language (phonetics and phonology), the structure of words (morphology), the structure of sentences (syntax), and the meanings of words (semantics). We also investigate the ways in which languages can be similar and different (typology), and the history and development of languages (historical linguistics). This knowledge will be tested in quizzes and exams that require the analysis of data sets, the use of transcription, and the analysis of words and sentences. Students will complete and present an individual research paper on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with the instructor. Students will present their papers orally in class at the end of the semester and will turn in a written version.

Required Text: