

Soc. 367.2  
Field Methods in Socio-Linguistics II  
1999-2000

## Introduction

This course is a continuation of Soc. 366.1. In this semester students work with a field language in a class room situation. A native speaker is present to provide data on the language and the class will acquire and organize descriptive data on the language by questioning the informant. In addition, students gain additional practice in field work and analysis techniques. In 1999-2000, the language used will be Maasai.

Most work will be done in class, by students in the course of exercises and work with informants. Attendance is obligatory, and work missed cannot be made up. Classes missed because of illness will require a medical excuse. There will be two in-class tests during the term, one at mid-term of the year and one during the final week. Students will keep a record of their language observations and conclusions in a notebook, which will be inspected by the professor on a biweekly basis. Written submissions will be made by students on the results of their study of the unknown language. Marking will be on the basis of attendance, completion of class exercises, tests, notebook and written work.

Attendance	15 per cent
Class exercises	15 per cent
Notebook	20 per cent
Tests	30 per cent
Written work	20 per cent
Total	100 per cent

The attendance mark will be arrived at in the following way:

Number of classes attended:	Grade
<u>All</u>	<u>A+</u>
12	B
11	C+
10	C
9	D
0-8	F

Readings will be from the textbook, which can be purchased through the campus bookstore:

Bert Vaux and Justin Cooper, *Introduction to Linguistic Field Methods*. Munich: LINCOM Europa, 1999.

### **Classes and office hours:**

Instructional materials will also be made available to students as required. Your professor is Dr. Ronald Cospers. His office is located in MS411, and he is in the office for consultation Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:00 PM, and Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The professor can be reached by telephone at 420-5874; the E-mail address is [Ronald.Cospers@Stmarys.ca](mailto:Ronald.Cospers@Stmarys.ca). The website for the course can be found at the site for linguistics and at <http://www.stmarys.ca/academic/arts/sociology/Home.html>. Classes are Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in ME109. The native speaker will be available to consult with students in room MS421 Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.