Syllabus

LIN839P---COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF WESTERN AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

First trimester, School year 2006-2007
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is intended to provide an overview of western Austronesian languages. Topics to be covered include: (i) historical and typological overview of western Austronesian languages; (ii) transitivity and ergativity; (iii) subjecthood. Data will be drawn from a number of western Austronesian languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Term paper presentation (July 29 and August 5) 40%
Research/Term paper (due August 15) 60%

Grades for this course will be based on one presentation (40%) and one research/term paper (60%).

- **Term paper**: All registrants are expected to write a brief report on morphosyntax of one (or more) western Austronesian language(s).
- **Presentation**: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q-A. Please prepare handouts for all participants in the class.
- **Format**: All registrants are expected to write a 10–20 (double-spaced) page paper that conforms to the guidelines of *Language or Oceanic Linguistics*. [Note: Examples should be presented in a (single-spaced) three-line format (Line 1—language data (use IPA Doulos 93 or Doulos SIL for phonetic symbols); Line 2—interlinear gloss; Line 3—free translation).]
- **Deadline**: The research paper is due at 10:00AM, Tuesday, August 15, 2006.
REQUIRED READINGS:
A collection of articles from journals and books [see Reading List].

COURSE SCHEDULE

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READING LIST


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