

School of Linguistics and Language Studies

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSE IN LINGUISTICS

Winter 2012

**LING 3801 A (0.5 credit)**

**Structure of a Specific Language: Blackfoot**

Blackfoot will be the language under investigation. Blackfoot is an Algonquian language with approximately 7,000 speakers in the plains of Alberta (Canada) and Montana (USA). The course will investigate the aspects of phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics, relying on the available literature, databases and fieldwork notes. We will focus on (but will not be restricted to) how syntactic categories are formed. As with other agglutinative languages, Blackfoot is known for its rich morphosyntax. Among the more unusual features, one can count, for example, syllabic s and the obligatory use of demonstratives which are required even with proper names.

**Prerequisite:** One of LING 2001, LING 2005 or LING 2006

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**Schedule:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1135-1255