



Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 3339F-001: Language Variation and Change
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Fall 2026

Date: June 10, 2026

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Tania Granadillo

Method of delivery: in person.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: Linguistics 2247A/B (the former Anthropology 2247A/B) and registration in third or fourth year of any Linguistics or Anthropology module.

Please ensure you have the correct requisites by checking the Academic Calendar:

<https://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/Courses.cfm?Subject=ANTHRO&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#top>

Course Description:

In this class we will be taking a broad approach to language variation and change. We will assume that change can only come by through variation and that there is variation that can be intrinsically linguistic in nature and variation that is social in nature. The course combines a synchronic and diachronic approach. While the weeks are organized by topics according to locus of variation, the readings will provide diverse contexts to understand the diachronic, synchronic and social nature of variation and change. Classic topics such as dialects, world English(es), creoles and pidgins, language endangerment, and others will be included.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

Course Materials:

No textbook.

Required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Weekly Quizzes	20%
4/5 Assignments	35%
Research Poster	20%
Final Exam	25%

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