

Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 2249F-200: Discourse Analysis
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Fall 2026

Date: June 19, 2026

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. K. Pennesi

Method of delivery: in person

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: None.

Please ensure you have the correct requisites by checking [the Academic Calendar](#).

Course Description:

Discourse is broadly defined as language in use (talk, text or sign). In this course, we will be studying several types of discourse analysis, all of which involve the study of discourse within cultural and social contexts. We will consider both the interactional structure and the social principles (pragmatics) that influence the production and interpretation of discourse. In addition to analytic models, we will also address issues of data collection, transcription and representation of linguistic features. Because discourse analysis is best learned by practice, students will be required to conduct original research, collecting, transcribing and analyzing data, and presenting findings.

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:

Required textbook: Deborah Cameron, [Working with Spoken Discourse](#). Sage. 2001. The book will be available for purchase at the Bookstore or students may purchase second-hand editions. Other required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Participation	10%
Reading Notes	10%
Transcription	15%
Oral Presentation	20%
Essay	20%
Exam	25%

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