

Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 3260G-001: Language and Social Justice
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Winter 2027

Date: June 23, 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:

With emphasis on critical analysis of real-world issues in global contexts, students learn how language shapes, reflects and challenges social inequalities. Students analyze the relationship between language and social justice in various settings, including education, media, law, workplaces, digital spaces, and everyday interactions. Students will explore how language operates within systems of power related to race, colonialism, capitalism, gender, disability, and migration. 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:

- Public Awareness Project (poster, blog or short video; beginning of February)
- Midterm Test (multiple-choice, true-and-false, short answer; end of February)
- Research Presentation (mid-March)
- Final Exam (essay questions analyzing a case study; during the April exam period)

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