

LINGUISTICS FOR THE LANGUAGE PROFESSIONS

A NEW TWO-YEAR M.A. COURSE

As from January 1986, the Department of General Linguistics at Stellenbosch University will be offering a new, two-year M.A. course for people engaged in the language professions - language teachers, translators, editors, lexicographers, terminologists, copy writers, language planners, etc. The aim of the course is to acquaint language practitioners with the most recent insights into the properties of human language, the better to equip them to deal with the problems they encounter in the course of their work.

The course is divided into three parts:

Base Component (first semester of the first year of study): an overview of current insights into the functions, structure, uses, acquisition, varieties and historical development of human language, as well as of fruitful methods of linguistic inquiry.

Middle component (second semester of the first year of study): an in-depth study of one or more sub-disciplines of Linguistics - e.g. semantics, pragmatics, syntax, morphology, psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, etc. - which are of special concern to the student in his/her field of work.

A three-hour exam concludes each of the components mentioned above.

Peak component (second year of study): the writing of a mini-thesis containing the results of a systematic analysis and critical appraisal of one or more assumptions about

language that are central to the particular profession in which the student engages.

The only formal entry qualification for the course is a B.A. or more advanced degree with a language as a major subject. Also note that students need not live in Stellenbosch while following the course.

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