

LING 570: Graduate Seminar: Collaborative Language Research

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OBJECTIVES

University of Montana will host CoLang 2020 in collaboration with Chief Dull Knife College from June 15th to July 17th. The institute will bring language activists, scholars, and students from Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. CoLang provides cutting edge training workshops on language documentation and revitalization in collaborative contexts. Linguistics students are strongly encouraged to volunteer during the institute. During this seminar, we will learn about CoLang as well as the volunteers' tasks and expectations. We will also do our best in promoting CoLang 2020.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Period 1 (1:00PM-1:50PM) • Period 2 (2:00PM-2:50PM) • Period 3 (3:00PM-3:00PM)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Attendance

B. Research, discussion, and reports: Some weeks, we will do web search and develop newsletter reports on given topics. For example, the first week will be about the history of CoLang. We will do web search, and develop an information sheet together on Google Docs.

- This is a group project (either as an entire class or smaller groups).
- Topic(s) will be given to class either in class or before class by email.
- Some topics may require preparation (web search, library search, writing, etc.)
- A group will discuss what to look for, research based on the discussion, develop a newsletter, and report orally in class.
- The written report should be accessible (e.g. use headings, images).

C. Coordinate a guest speaker event: We will have guest speakers on September 23rd. We will work together to organize and host this event.

D. Group projects – support CoLang 2020:

1. Web contents: FAQ contents, Local Information
2. Fund raising
3. Video clips
4. Schedule for staffing

E. Presentation:

Each student will research on two CoLang Advisory Circle members or workshop facilitators. Things to find out about them may include their academic history, community collaboration activities, organizations that they affiliate or support, publications, public talks, relevance to the theme of CoLang 2020. The list of individuals for his requirement will be provided during the seminar.