

Native Languages of Florida⁺, Fall 2025

LIN 4930 (26881), ANT 4930 (26157),

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Meeting Time: T 7, R 7-8 (3 credit hours)

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Course Prerequisites: 10 credits in anthropology and/or linguistics or instructor permission. With permission, can be repeated with change in content up to 9 credits.

Catalog Description: Special Topics in Anthropology, Rotating content in anthropology.

Course Overview

The American South had some of the richest linguistic diversity of any part of the United States, and Florida was part of this diversity. Though many of the Native languages of this region are no longer spoken, we have documentation on most of them. In this course, students will learn in detail the grammar of two indigenous languages, Timucua and Muskogee (Creek), and learn and then present their knowledge on a third indigenous language chosen at the beginning of the semester.

Course Goals

In this course, students will

- a.) become familiar with the Native languages of Florida and the larger Southeastern US,
- b.) learn about regional tendencies, and
- c.) become more familiar with linguistic typology.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

- Understand and analyze the grammar of two indigenous language of the Florida (Creek and Timucua)
- Understand the phonological, morphological, and syntactic properties of one additional Native language, and use this knowledge to create four short presentations of a Native language of the Southeast.

Requirements

The requirements for this class are as follows

- Seven homework assignments on Muskogee (Creek) and/or Timucua grammar.
- Four brief presentations on features of the language you have chosen to focus on. Each presentation is about 5-10 minutes long and summarizes the data in your source material from a typological perspective.

The grade for the course is determined on the basis of the following:

- Four short presentations 60%
- Homework 25%
- Attendance 10%
- Participation 5%

Class Attendance (10 points) From the start everybody will have 100 points of class attendance. Each unexcused non-attendance of a class will be penalized by subtracting 10 points from this score. The final score will count 10 per cent of the final grade. Only excused absences arranged ahead of time with the professor or documented emergencies will be exempted.

Required textbook: *Beginning Creek: Mvskoke emponvkv.*

Additional readings will be available on Canvas.

Dates	Topics	Homework Assignments
Orientation and phonology		
Aug 21, 26, 28	Muskogee ch 1, 2 Timucua https://hebuano.wordpress.com/language/timucua-pronunciation/	HW 1 Muskogee ch 2, ex 1 Timucua transcription
Sep 2, 4	Typological overview (Wals 1, 2, 5, 12, 13, 17)	
Sep 9, 11	Presentation #1 [Orientation and phonology for other lgs of Florida ⁺]	
Syntax and morphology of nouns and noun phrases		
Sep 16, 18,	Muskogee, ch 3-5	HW 2 Muskogee, ch 3, ex 4
Sep 23, 25	Timucua https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-1/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-2-making-sentences/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-2-sentences/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/exercise-making-sentences/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-3-5-michu/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-7-possessive-pronouns/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/exercise-possessive-pronouns/	HW 3 Muskogee Ch 4, ex 4, ex 7 Timucua noun phrases
30, Oct 2, 7	Typological overview Definite marking and articles GB020 WALS 37, 38	HW 4 Muskogee Ch 5, ex 1, 2, 3

	Numerals GB024 WALS 89 Number marking in nouns and pronouns GB042, 043, 044 WALS 33, 34, 35 Possession and alienability GB059 WALS 24, 57, 58	
Oct 7, 9	Presentation #2 [Nouns and noun phrases]	
Verbs and verbal morphology		
Oct 14, 16 ,	Muskogee 6-8 and Timucua verbs	HW 5 Muskogee ch 6, ex 1, 2
Oct 21, 23	Typology of verbs and verb morphology Tenses GB082, 83, 84, 86 WALS 66, 67, 69 Applicatives GB163, 164 WALS 109 Suppletion in verbs GB109, 110 WALS 80	HW 6 Muskogee ch 8, ex 1, 2
Oct 28, 30	Presentation #3	
Sentences and sentential morphology		
Nov 4, 6	Timucua https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-4-asking-questions/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/verb-tenses/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-8-1-personal-affixes/ https://hebuano.wordpress.com/lesson-8-2-negation/	

Nov 13, 18	Typology of sentences Word order GB130, 131, 132, 133 WALS 81-89 Clause chaining GB150, 151 Causatives GB155 WALS 111	HW 7 Timucua clauses
Nov 20, Dec 2	Presentation #4 Sentences and sentential morphology	

Class Policies

This course complies with all UF academic policies. For information on those policies and for resources for students, please see [this link](#).

Make-up Work

Work, including in-class evaluation, can only be accepted late if arrangements have been made ahead of time with the professor, or if a documented emergency was responsible for the missing work. 'Extra-credit' work will not be available to make up for missing work.

The following grading scale will be used to determine final grades:

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
92+	89-91	86-88	82-85	79-81	76-78	72-75	69-71	66-68	62-65	59-61	below 58

Procedure for conflict resolution

Any issues, disagreements or grade disputes should be discussed first between the instructor and the student. If the problem cannot be resolved, please contact Prof. John

Krigbaum (krigbaum@ufl.edu, (352) 294-7540), Chair of Anthropology. Be prepared to provide documentation of the problem, as well as all graded materials for the semester. Issues that cannot be resolved departmentally will be referred to the University Ombuds Office (<http://www.ombuds.ufl.edu>[Links to an external site.](#); 352-392-1308) or the Dean of Students Office (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu>[Links to an external site.](#); 352-392-1261).

Library Resources

The [UF Libraries](#) provide access to numerous resources and services that will help you succeed in this course. Access thousands of [online databases, books, and articles](#) or visit one of the [branch locations](#) for additional [resources, services, and study spaces](#). Further, as this class requires students to complete a bibliography, research paper, or project, both the [Anthropology Library Guide](#) and the [Anthropology Assignment Guide](#) may be of assistance. You can also contact the [Anthropology Librarian](#) directly for help with developing your research topic/question, searching for sources, and evaluating information. And you can also [Ask A Librarian](#) for help by email, chat, text, or phone.

Ginessa Mahar (Anthropology Librarian): gjmahar@ufl.edu, office: Library West Room 500

Plagiarism and Use of AI

The use of generative AI is prohibited in this course. If there is any evidence of violation of the [Student Honor Code](#), that suggests the student *[has not written the majority of the content on their own and is egregiously plagiarized](#)*, the instructor may assign a *grade of zero* for the assignment. Offenses will be reported to the Anthropology department administration for review and could result in a report to the [Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office](#).