# LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS (LL)

**LL 1011** Special Topic: Fundamentals of Language and Cultural Studies I (3 Credits)
An introductory language course with 2 regular class meetings per week with a visiting professor who is a native speaker of the language. Emphasis is on oral communication. An introduction to language and cultural studies of a selected country. Repeatable with a different language.

**LL 1020** Special Topic: Fundamentals of Language and Cultural Studies II (1-3 Credits)
An immersion Winterim or late spring/early summer short-term language and cultural studies course in a country that speaks a language which is not offered by the Plymouth State University language programs. Continuation of LL 1010 taken during the preceding spring term on campus. Fundamentals of the language, cultural events, short trips and excursions in the foreign country. Includes a variable project for 1-3 PSU credits contracted with a Languages and Linguistics Department instructor. A study abroad program fee is charged. May be repeated with a different language. Winterim or Summers.

Prerequisite(s): LL 1010 or LL 1011.

**LL 1021** US Culture and Communication (3 Credits)
Introduces international students to multiple aspects of US culture and provides them with the language skills necessary for successful communication in the classroom and on campus. Through course readings and discussions, students increase their comprehension, critical thinking skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of English grammar. Students also have opportunities to collect and analyze data from the community on cultural topics discussed in the classroom. Falls and Springs.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department Chair.
Corequisite(s): LL 1022, LL 1023, LL 1024.

**LL 1022** Academic Reading for English Language Learners (3 Credits)
Develops the academic reading skills of English language learners preparing for study at a US university. Emphasizes reading complex college-level texts across disciplines. Topics include identifying main ideas, making inferences, generating and forming questions, summarizing, building vocabulary and grammar knowledge, and annotating text. Students have the opportunity to integrate writing strategies and to develop their communications skills. Falls and Springs.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department Chair.

**LL 1023** Academic Writing for English Language Learners (3 Credits)
Develops the academic writing skills of English language learners preparing for study at a US university. Emphasizes the process of writing an essay and the final product. Particular attention is given to unity and coherence within and across paragraphs, use of transitions, use of outside sources, and patterns of organization. Students have the opportunity to integrate critical reading strategies and to develop their communication skills. Falls and Springs.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department Chair.

**LL 1024** College Skills for International Students (3 Credits)
Introduces international students to the expectations of US college life and provides them with the strategies needed to pursue a successful academic career. Students develop listening, note-taking, test-taking, and presentation skills while expanding their knowledge of American campus and classroom culture. Students have the opportunity to apply a critical-thinking approach to authentic lectures and peer-reviewed research articles. Falls and Springs.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department Chair.

**LL 2000** Introduction to Language and Linguistics (3 Credits)
Examines the nature of language, language systems, language in context, language acquisition, and the historical development of English. Topics include: the metalinguistic knowledge of the English morphology, phonology, syntax, and semantics; how individuals learn and use their first language; how individuals acquire and use additional languages; language variation; ways in which language shapes and is shaped by society and individual identity; and language policy. Examines the historical development of the English language, situating present-day English within an historical framework. Emphasizes quantitative research design, analysis, and interpretation. In addition to examining numerous research studies, students undertake original data collection and analysis. Falls and Springs. (QRCO)

**LL 2950** American Sign Language I (3 Credits)
A critical skills course in a major communication system for those preparing to work with the deaf and hard of hearing. Grammar and vocabulary are emphasized in both the receptive and expressive modes of language transmission. Falls. (DICO)

**LL 3180** Guided Language Practice III (1-3 Credits)
An opportunity for intensive language practice via language laboratory, audio, video or DVD and/or conversation with instructor. Credit is based on a contract designed by the instructor and the student. Can be taken for grade or Pass/No Pass, in conjunction with or independently of a classroom course. Student chooses language (French, German, Spanish or other language approved by the Department Chair). Repeatable for credit. Unscheduled.

**LL 4400** Foreign Language Project (1-3 Credits)
Designed to allow students who study away from the Plymouth campus an opportunity to work on a credit-bearing program in cooperation with a Plymouth faculty person. Among the possible projects: a diary in the target language of activities during travel abroad or while working with a foreign language-speaking group; a group of reports in the target language of intern work; a specific reading project connecting reading with sites visited, etc. Students arrange in advance the concept of the project and select the level and credits based on length and complexity of the project. Prior consent of the Department. Unscheduled.

**LL 4910** Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Students, working with a faculty advisor, select a topic in a specialized area of interest for study and in-depth research. Consent required of the instructor who will supervise the independent study and the Department Chair.