Linguistics 40302: Field Methods II
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Rosenwald 208

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This is the second quarter of the two-quarter sequence in field methods. (Students may elect to take the course more than once.) This course is devoted to the elicitation, transcription, organization, and analysis of linguistic data from a native speaker of a language not commonly studied. Students will also gain practical experience in the use of fieldwork equipment. This year’s language is Lezgi.

Grading:
• Participation (e.g., in-class group elicitation, presentation of individual term project, weekly data entry): 50%
• Individual elicitation with language consultant: 10%
• Term paper: 40%

Term project

The final paper is a focused, in-depth analysis of some aspect of the Lezgi language. The specific domain is to be negotiated with the instructors. (A topic must be chosen by the end of Week 3, Friday, January 23). Unlike the last quarter, previous work on Lezgi (and related languages) can and should be consulted in preparation for this paper.

Topic due: end of week 3 (Friday, January 23)
Draft due: end of week 7 (Friday, February 20)
Final paper due: Monday, March 16

General reference/textbook


Tentative syllabus, subject to change:
Week 1  January 6-8  Documentation & fieldwork

Required:

Also note:

Week 2  January 13-15  Introduction to Lezgi

Required:
- Haspelmath, Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-35. (overview, speakers & dialects, segmental phonology)

Also note:

Week 3  January 20-22  Phonetics & phonology

Required:
- Haspelmath, Chapters 4-6, pp. 36-70. (phonotactics, phonological alternations, word stress)
Also note:


**Week 4** January 27-29  Nouns, case & verbal valency

**Required:**

- Haspelmath, Chapters 7-8, pp. 71-121 (morphology of nouns & adjectives)
- Haspelmath, Chapter 14, pp. 251-267 (the noun phrase and adjective phrase)
- Haspelmath, Chapter 15, pp. 268-293 (verbal valence)

**Week 5** February 10-12  Ergativity

**Required:**

- Haspelmath, Chapter 16.1, pp. 294-8. (the notion of subject)

Also note:


**Week 6** February 3-5  Tense, mood, aspect

**Required:**

- Haspelmath, Chapter 9, pp. 122-162. (verbal morphology)
- Forker, Diana. 1980. The semantics of verbal categories in Nakh-Daghestanian. [https://www.academia.edu/7977940/An_introduction_to_the_verbal_categories_in_Nakh-Daghestanian_languages_Tense_aspect_evidentiality_mood_modality](https://www.academia.edu/7977940/An_introduction_to_the_verbal_categories_in_Nakh-Daghestanian_languages_Tense_aspect_evidentiality_mood_modality)

**Week 7** February 17-19  Clause combining

**Required:**

- Haspelmath, Chapters 18-21, pp. 327-400. (coordination, relative clauses, complement clauses)

*Also note:*

**Week 8** February 24-26  **Information structure & word order**

*Required:*

**Week 9** March 3-5  **Term paper presentation**

**Week 10** March 10-12  **Term paper presentation**