



SLAV470A/SLAV570A/ENGL478A/LING480A

# WHAT'S IN A LANGUAGE NAME? THE CASE OF BOSNIAN, CROATIAN, MONTENEGRIN, AND SERBIAN

SUMMER QUARTER 2008

## CLASS PRESENTATION (AND TERM PAPER) THP

As the course syllabus indicates, this project is designed for students to exercise their oral skills when speaking on a scientific topic.

Each student who is taking the class for credit must give a 15-minute substantial class presentation of their term paper. The presentation must be well organized, must demonstrate that some real work has been put into it (which is to be expected since students will have been working on their term papers since the beginning of the quarter), should provide necessary background data so that others can follow, and should clearly state significant points of the paper.

Students will be graded on their organization, evidence of work/research put into the whole project, depth of observations, and the like.

Students' progress in preparation of their presentation and, consequently, in the writing of their paper, will be measured by two progress reports: first, by the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the quarter (Tuesday, July 15, 2008), students must submit a statement indicating what the topic of the presentation is, as well as any other relevant information at that point, and second, by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of the quarter (Thursday, July 31, 2008), students must submit a paragraph addressing the current state of the project, as well as any other relevant information at that point.

Each student who is taking this class for credit must write a term paper on a topic of his or her own choosing (on the order of up to 15 double-spaced pages for graduate students and up to 10 double-spaced pages for undergraduate students). The topic may, but need not be, related to the Serbo-Croatian, Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Serbian language question, but should have at its core an issue undertaken during class discussions or phenomena related to class discussions. The paper may present either students' original research or else a review of articles on a chosen topic. In either case, the paper should show creativity and initiative in thinking even if it only reports on other people's research. The term paper is to be turned in no later than by the end of the class on Tuesday, August 19, 2008.