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How to Create a Language LIGN 87: Freshman Seminar

Course goals

The major goals for this course are to:

- Explore the history of created languages.
- Learn some of the technical background for creating a language.
- Get some hands-on experience in creating your own language.
- Learn to have a basic conversation in some languages that other people have created.

Your responsibilities

This course is graded on a P/NP basis. To receive a grade of P, you should:

- attend
- do homework
- be attentive and participate in class

| Week | Topic | Assignments |
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| 1 | Overview: History of created languages | |
| 2 | Sounds | Favorite consonant, favorite vowel |
| 3 | Words | Inventory of sounds |
| 4 | Sentences | Words |
| 5 | Volapük | Sentences |
| 6 | Esperanto | |
| 7 | Na'vi | Esperanto video assignment |
| 8 | Dothraki | |

This schedule is tentative and will change as the quarter proceeds.