A. Course Description
This course seeks to explain the nature of human symbolization. Areas of study include the acquisition and development of language in children, the role of spoken and written language in society, and an exploratory look at how language determines cultural factors and shapes our perceptions of reality.

B. Method of Instruction
Instruction will be provided in the following format: lectures, and group discussion. Students are expected to complete all reading assignments prior to class. Grades are based on tests, quizzes, assignment completion, and exam.

C. Course Objectives
1. To understand the development of the sound system of speech.
2. To understand language development.
3. To understand the historical context from which our present knowledge originated.

D. Textbook: Required
Language Development: An Introduction
Robert E. Owens, Jr.
E. **Grading Plan**

Your final grade will be calculated based on the following components:

- 4 Chapter tests 50%
- Quizzes 25%
- Final exam 25%

**Professional Ethics**

Students are expected to have regular attendance in class. There will not be an opportunity for tests or quizzes to be made up if you have unexcused absences from class. Listed below is the tentative schedule for tests. Quizzes will always be a surprise. Professionalism is expected as you interact with your peers, instructor and clients.

**Policy on Academic Integrity:** Students are expected to abide by the Shaw University Honor Code at all times. Academic dishonesty is a serious matter, which harms all persons involved. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating are also serious academic matters; accordingly, no credit will be given for work in which they are involved and may result in an “F” for this course. In addition, incidents of this nature will be reported to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, in which further disciplinary measures will be taken. Please refer to the student handbook for additional specifics and disciplinary action related to plagiarism.

**Tentative Test Dates**

- February 12, 2007  Chapter – 1, 2, 3, 4
- March 5, 2007  Chapters – 5, 6, 7
- March 26, 2007  Chapters – 8, 9, 10
- April 23, 2007  Chapter – 11, 12, 13, 14
- April 30, 2007  Final Exam