NEW ETAP COURSES- SPRING 2015

ETAP 687 Institute for ETAP: Culture, Communication, Cognition (3 credits)
Instructor: Dr. Monika Kirner-Ludwig (University of Augsburg, Germany)
Time: 4:15 – 7:05, Monday

Course Description:
The course examines recent directions in research relating to the interplay of culture, (language) communication and cognition. These three notions generally mark ontological distinctions as well as disciplinary boundaries. Cognition covers the individual operation of the isolated human mind, and is the domain of psychology and cognitive science. Language communication is the interaction of human minds through language. Culture includes the shared knowledge, values, and practices of a larger social community and is the traditional field of anthropology. The course makes an attempt to discuss the three in relation to each other from the perspective of language acquisition and teaching.

The course is recommended for TESOL students to fulfill the “language in use” requirement or any other students who are interested in the complex relationship of the three notions.

ETAP 550  English Grammar (4 credits)
Instructor: Dr. Monika Kirner-Ludwig (University of Augsburg, Germany)
Time: 4:15 – 7:05, Wednesday

Course Description:
ESL teachers can only become effective in their profession, when they are able to identify and clarify the grammatical aspects of the English language that are both fundamental as well as particularly challenging for their students. The aim of this course is to provide prospective ESL teachers with both the awareness of such issues pertaining to both nominal and verbal grammar and the skills to teach them effectively. The course contents will thus first and foremost comprise the synchronic state of English grammar, but we shall also look into some diachronic developments leading to and explaining today’s status quo.

The course is mandatory for TESOL students.