Lesson Plan for MEA 0322- Lecture on Language Diversity

Topic: Language Diversity

Lesson Plan

Lesson Objectives

1. Define linguistic, cultural, and biological diversity
2. Understand the importance of keeping languages “alive”

Lesson Outline

1. Distribute outline *Linguistic, Cultural, and Biological Diversity* by Luisa Maffi
2. Have students go to Terralingua website at [www.terralingua.com](http://www.terralingua.com) and take notes on what they have learned
3. Have students watch the video “Restoring Biocultural Diversity: The Road to Language Health?”
   By Dr. Marit Vamarasi from Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago:
   [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDf9QcduSIY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDf9QcduSIY)

4. Form students groups and have them discuss the following
   a. Why is it important to keep a language alive?
   b. What is their language of origin?
   c. What can happen to a culture when a language is lost?
   d. How would they feel if there was just one “universal” language?
   e. What impact do culture and language have on the medical field and in the world today?

5. After the individual group discussion, have a class discussion on all of the above and discuss what can each individual or group/community can do to solve the issues discussed