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LING 548: Grammaticalization

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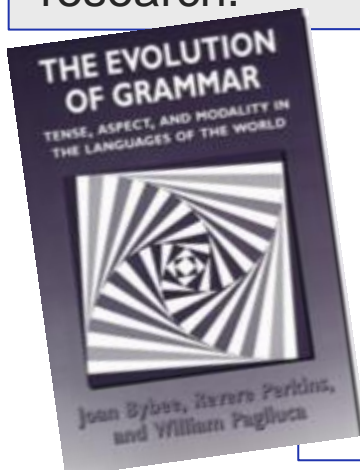
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The goals of this class are to examine the mechanisms and processes of change that are associated with grammaticalization, and to study grammaticalization paths in a cross-linguistic perspective.

The first goal will be addressed through readings that discuss the properties of grammaticalization and present case studies.

The second goal will be addressed by acquainting the students with the GRAMCATS database, which records properties of grammatical morphemes associated with verbs in approximately 80 languages so that they can use this database in their own research.



The GRAMCATS database is the source of data for *The evolution of grammar: tense, aspect and modality in the languages of the world* (Bybee, Perkins & Pagliuca 1994), but it also contains data that has never been analyzed, so it has great potential for research on grammatical categories and morphological typology. Students will learn how the data was coded and what types of questions can be studied with this data.