

LING 101.01
Fall 2020

Introduction to Language and Linguistics

This course is intended to serve as a general introduction to the field of study known as linguistics, or the study of human language -- its scientific and systematic foundations. We will focus on the major core subareas of linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. These areas are prerequisite to working in other subareas of linguistics such as historical linguistics, language acquisition, psycholinguistics (which we will cover in LING102).

Course Information

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Course materials:

Textbook: Fromkin, A. V., R. Rodman & N. Hyams. (2014). *An Introduction to Language*. Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

Assignments, sample solutions, additional material will be uploaded to Moodle.

Course requirements: (subject to change)

Assignments: There will be 4 assignments during the course of the semester (see plan for due dates). Turn in all assignments on time. Late submission of assignments is not allowed. The assignments will determine 12% of the course grade.

Exams: There will be two quizzes (4% each) and one midterm in the course of the semester, accounting for 30% of the course grade. A cumulative final exam will determine the remaining 50% of your grade.

Class Attendance: The content of this course is primarily based on class lectures. Thus your attendance is key to your success in class!

Schedule				
Weeks		Topics	Readings	Due dates
Week 1				
Oct.	26	Preliminaries		
	28	No class	Chapter 1	
Week 2				
Nov.	2	Phonetics	Chapter 5	
	4	Phonetics		
Week 3				
Nov.	9	Phonetics		
	11	Phonetics		Quiz I
Week 4				
Nov.	16	Phonetics		
	18	Phonology	Chapter 6	
Week 5				
Nov.	23	Phonology		Assignment 1 due
	25	Phonology		
Week 6				
Nov.	30	Morphology	Chapter 2	
Dec.	2	Morphology		
Week 7				
Dec.	7	Morphophonology		Assignment 2 due
	9	Morphophonology		
Week 8				
Dec.	14	MIDTERM		
	16	TBA		
Week 9				
Dec.	21	Syntax	Chapter 3	
	23	Syntax		
Week 10				
Dec.	28	Syntax		Assignment 3 due
	30	Syntax		
Week 11				
Jan.	4	Syntax		
	6	Syntax		
Week 12				
Jan.	11	Semantics	Chapter 4	Assignment 4 due
	13	Semantics		
Week 13				
Jan.	18	Semantics		
	20	Semantics		