

Ling 101.03 – Introduction to Language and Linguistics I

Fall 2019, Boğaziçi University

Hours:	Monday 1-3 pm, Wednesday 1-3 pm
Rooms:	EF 06, EF 206
Instructor:	Stefano Canalis (stefano.canalis@boun.edu.tr)
Office Hours:	Wednesday 3-5 pm or by appointment, JF 312 (first floor)
Teaching Assistant:	Furkan Dikmen (furkan.dikmen@boun.edu.tr)
Office Hours:	By appointment, JF 314 (first floor)

Course description

This course is an introduction to the basic principles and concepts in linguistics. Linguistics is the study of human language, its scientific and systematic foundations. In this course, we will be exploring what it means to know a language, in terms of its structure. We will study the articulation and interaction of speech sounds, the formation of words, the structure of phrases and sentences, and the computation of sentence meaning.

Course materials

Handbook:

- Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman & Nina M. Hyams. 2014. *An Introduction to Language (10th edition)*. Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

Additional materials:

- Slides shown in class and posted on the course webpage on Moodle (make sure e-mails to your @boun address reach you regularly, since notifications in Moodle can only be sent to @boun addresses)

Requirements

- **Reading:** you are expected to come to class having read the assigned chapters in order to understand the lectures and participate in class discussion
- **Assignments, attendance and class participation:** there will be five homework assignments consisting of exercises on problem sets related to the topics discussed in class. Assignments and participation will account for 16% of your course grade. Attendance is required
- **Two midterm exams** (22% of course grade each)

- **Final exam** (40% of course grade, cumulative). Students who miss one of the two midterms will not be allowed to take the final exam
- **PS (Problem Session) hours:** you will meet with the Teaching Assistant (TA) of the course regularly to do further practice and to discuss the questions you may have regarding the lectures and/or assignments. Attendance is required

Some important notes:

- If you encounter any difficulty with the course material, contact the instructor and/or your TA for help and clarifications in a timely fashion
- It is your own responsibility to make sure you don't have another exam scheduled for the midterm date. Make a calendar of your midterm dates at the beginning of the term. The dates for Ling 101 midterms cannot be changed
- Any student who is suspected of cheating during an exam by the instructor or the proctoring assistants will be reported to the disciplinary committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- The passing grade for the course is 60/100. No extra assignment will be given to raise your grade

Schedule (tentative)

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Homework assignments</i>
Wk 1	<i>No class</i>				
Wk 2	Sep, 23 Sep, 25	Introduction Definition of language	<i>No reading</i> Chapter 1		
Wk 3	Sep, 30 Oct, 2	Definition of language Phonetics	Chapter 1 Chapter 5		
Wk 4	Oct, 7 Oct, 9	Phonetics Phonetics – PS 1	Chapter 5 Chapter 5		HW 1 assigned
Wk 5	Oct, 14 Oct, 16	Phonology Phonology – PS 2	Chapter 6 Chapter 6		HW 1 due
Wk 6	Oct, 21 Oct, 23	Phonology Phonology	Chapter 6 Chapter 2		HW 2 assigned
Wk 7	Oct, 28 Oct, 30	<i>No class – Republic Day after 1 pm</i> Morphology – PS 3	Chapter 2	1 st midterm (6 pm)	HW 2 due
Wk 8	Nov, 4 Nov, 6	Morphology Morphology	Chapter 2 Chapter 2		

Wk 9	Nov, 11 Nov, 13	Morphology Syntax	Chapter 2 Chapter 3		HW 3 assigned
Wk 10	Nov, 18 Nov, 20	Syntax - PS 4 Syntax	Chapter 3 Chapter 3		HW 3 due
Wk 11	Nov, 25 Nov, 27	Syntax Syntax	Chapter 3 Chapter 3		HW4 assigned
Wk 12	Dec, 2 Dec, 4	Syntax - PS 5 Semantics	Chapter 3 Chapter 4	2 nd midterm (6 pm)	HW 4 due
Wk 13	Dec, 9 Dec, 11	Semantics Semantics	Chapter 4 Chapter 4		HW 5 assigned
Wk 14	Dec, 16 Dec, 18	Semantics Semantics - PS 6	Chapter 4 Chapter 4		HW 5 due