

LING 101.01
INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS
Spring 2022

Class: MMWW 5656

Zoom Classes Only

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SYLLABUS

Course description:

The ability to speak and understand a language (this ability is often simply called Language) is unique to humans and, within the species, universally represented. It affords us, together with other faculties of the mind, the ability to achieve levels of abstract thinking as well as social organization that is unprecedented in the animal kingdom. Language is therefore one of the most characteristic features of the human species and its study is centrally important to understanding what it is to be human.

This course aims at introducing the basic principles and concepts in Linguistics as 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, sound, and meaning. 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:

TEXTBOOK: Fromkin, A.V., R. Rodman & N. Hyams. (2014). An Introduction to Language. Harcourt Brace College Publishers. (10th edition): I expect you to come to class having read the assigned pages.

CLASS NOTES Slides shown in class and posted on the course Moodle.

ALL OTHER CLASS MATERIAL WILL BE SHARED ON MOODLE.

Make sure e-mails to your boun address reach you regularly since notifications on Moodle can only be sent to boun addresses.

Course Requirements:

1. **READINGS:** Read all assigned chapters (or parts thereof) carefully **before** class in order to understand the lectures and participate in class discussion.
2. **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:** Attendance to lectures and PSs is compulsory and participation in class discussion will determine a portion of your grade (15%). We strongly

3. **ASSIGNMENTS.** Linguistics is best learned by doing problem sets. Throughout the semester, there will be **5 problem sets** based on the material in the textbooks and the lectures. Each of the assignments must be handed in on Moodle by the beginning of class time on the dates specified on the schedule below. **No late submissions will be accepted.**
 4. **MIDTERM EXAMS:** There will be two midterms exam in the course of the semester, each midterm will count 20% towards your course grade.
5. **FINAL EXAM:** A non-cumulative final exam will determine the remaining 20% of your grade. **Students who miss one the midterms will not be allowed to take the final exam. Moreover students whose average grade of the two midterms (each one's maximum grade being 100) is less than 35% will not be admitted to the final exam either.**
6. **PS (PROBLEM SESSION) HOURS:** You will meet with the session leader (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.** PSs are on the Wednesdays indicated in the schedule below at 2 p.m.

Evaluation:

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| Attendance & Participation: | 15% |
| Assignments: | 25% |
| Midterms: | 20% each |
| Final (non- cumulative) | 20% |

The passing score for the course is 60 %. If you encounter any difficulty with the course material, contact the instructor and/or your TA for help and clarifications in a timely fashion. In the interest of fairness towards your fellow classmates, **NO extra credit work will be assigned and no exceptional excuses will be made to improve your grade after assignment due dates, the midterms or the final exam.**

A note on cheating: again, in the interest of fairness towards the other students in the course, any student found or suspected of cheating during exams will be immediately reported to the disciplinary committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

A note on exam scheduling conflicts: it is each individual student's responsibility to keep track of possible scheduling conflicts with the scheduling of exams of different courses they may take. The date for Ling 101 midterms and finals cannot be changed.

Spring 2022 Weekly Schedule (Preliminary/subject to change!)

Week 1

February 23 Course introduction

Week 2

February 28 On Linguistics

March 2 Phonetics

Readings: Chapter 1

Readings: Chapter 5 (pp. 189-197)

Week 3

March 7 Phonetics

March 9 Phonetics

Readings: Chapter 5 (pp. 197-208)

Readings: Chapter 5 (pp. 208-209)

(PS phonetics)

Week 4

March 14 Phonology

March 16 Phonology

Readings: Chapter 6 (pp. 230-235, 238-239) **Assignment 1 due**

Readings: Chapter 6 (pp. 239-247)

Week 5

March 21 Phonology

March 23 Morphology

Readings: Chapter 6 (pp. 247-251, 260-265)

Readings: Chapter 2 (pp. 33-43)

(PS phonology)

Week 6

March 28 Morphology

March 30 Midterm 1 review

Readings: Chapter 2 (pp. 49-52, 57-60)

Assignment 2 due

(PS review)

Week 7

April 4 **MIDTERM1 from 13: 00 PM till 14:00 pm**

(on Phonetics & Phonology)

April 6 Morpho-phonology

Readings: Chapter 6 (pp. 224-229)

(PS morphology)

Week 8

April 11 Morphology

April 13 Morphology review

Readings: Chapter 2 (pp. 61-66) & "How to solve a Morphology problem" (On moodle)

(PS morphology 2)

Week 9

April 18 Syntax

April 20 Syntax

Readings: Chapter 3 (pp. 76-87)

Readings: Chapter 3 (pp. 87-99)

Assignment 3 due

Week 10

April 25 Syntax

April 27 Semantics

Readings: Chapter 3 (pp. 100-109, 114-117)

Readings: Ch4 (pp. 139-146)

(PS Syntax)

Week 11: Spring Break no Classes

Week 12

May 9 Semantics/Pragmatics **Readings:** Ch 170-174

May 11 Exam Review

Assignment 4 due

(PS review)

Week 13

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| May 16 | MIDTERM2 from 13: 00 PM till 14:00 pm | (on Morphology & Syntax) |
| May 18 | Pragmatics | (PS Semantics) |

Week 14

May 23 Exam Review **Assignment 5 due**

Final **On Syntax 2 and Semantics/Pragmatics**

Special dates May 2-6 Spring break