

LING 101.02 — Introduction to Language & Linguistics I

Fall 2020 Syllabus

Class hours: MMWW 5656

Rooms: Zoom/Moodle

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Course description:

This course aims at introducing 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:

TEXTBOOK: Fromkin, A.V., R. Rodman & N. Hyams. (2014). An Introduction to Language. Harcourt Brace College Publishers. (10th edition)

CLASS NOTES: Handouts, slides shown in class and posted on the course webpage.

MATERIAL SHARED ON MOODLE: Make sure e-mails to your boun address reach you regularly since notifications in Moodle can only be sent to boun addresses.

Course Requirements

- (1) ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION. Attendance is not optional.¹ Participation will determine a portion of your grade.
- (2) ASSIGNMENTS: We will be posting on Moodle **four short problem sets** based on the material in the textbook and the lectures. Late submission is not an option.
- (3) EXAMS. There will be **three quizzes** in the course of the semester. There will also be a cumulative final exam.
- (4) PROBLEM SESSION (PS) HOURS. You will meet with the TA of the course regularly to do further practice and to discuss the questions you may have regarding the lectures and/or assignments. The PS hour will be one of the designated hours for this course.

¹I expect you to contact me if you experience problems with internet access at any time during the semester or can only participate asynchronously (for any other valid reason).

Evaluation:

Participation: 20%

Assignments: 20%

Quizzes (×3): 10% (each)

Final: 30%

(if you're shocked, read below)

(4 assignments, 5% each)

The passing grade for the course is 60.

If you encounter any difficulty with the course material, please contact me or Utku for help and clarifications **in a timely fashion.**

A note on 'Participation'

- Participation is not necessarily only over Zoom. In particular, if you are only able to follow the course asynchronously (by watching the posted videos later, reading the slides, etc.), pretty please, don't be a ghost! I still expect you to make yourself known to me. For example, sending me an email when you have a question about the course material *is* a form of participation. I just need to know that you *are* following the course.

- To get full points for participation, you don't need to speak in each and every class for 5 minutes. Just be a student trying to learn; ask your questions if/when you have them, use the chat function on Zoom when I ask a question or just unmute yourself & speak etc.

- I will be lenient regarding the participation score. But if I hear from you (via email or on Zoom) only once or twice throughout the semester (or worse, not at all), don't expect a full participation score. (Please keep in mind that there will be records of your participation, because sessions are recorded, and gmail has a search function in case you can only participate through email.).

- In short, do not worry. If you are not a ghost, you will get your 20 points.

A note on cheating. 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.²

A note on exam scheduling conflicts. Quizzes will be during class hours. If you have a conflict, it is your responsibility to de-conflict your schedule. Final date TBA.

See the next page for the (preliminary) class schedule.

²We are aware that cheating may be convenient and tempting in an online setting. However, please do not overestimate your paraphrasing skills. We are able to tell who cheats and who doesn't just by reading your answers to open-ended questions.

Preliminary Class Schedule (The dates may (and will probably) shift depending on how we progress)

Week	Dates	Topic	Notes
1	Oct 26 Oct 28	Introduction Introduction	
2	Nov 2 Nov 4	Phonetics Phonetics	
3	Nov 9 Nov 11	Phonetics Phonology	HW1 is assigned
4	Nov 16 Nov 18	Phonology Phonology	HW1 is due HW2 is assigned
5	Nov 23 Nov 25	Morphology Morphology	HW2 is due
6	Nov 30 Dec 2	Quiz#1 [phonetics & phonology] Morphology	HW3 is assigned
7	Dec 7 Dec 9	Syntax Syntax	HW3 is due
8	Dec 14 Dec 16	Quiz#2 [Morphology] Syntax	
9	Dec 21 Dec 23	Syntax Syntax	HW 4 is assigned
10	Dec 28 Dec 30	Syntax Syntax	HW 4 is due
11	Jan 4 Jan 6	Quiz#3 [syntax] Semantics	
12	Jan 11 Jan 13	Semantics Semantics	
13	Jan 18 Jan 20	Semantics Review for Final	