

Syllabus for LING 101: Introduction to Language and Linguistics

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Course Description

The aim of this course is to introduce you to some fundamental questions as well as basic principles and methods in the study of Language. It gives a selective overview of the field of Linguistics. We will discuss what it means to know a language, what kinds of rules and principles govern languages, and some interesting ways in which languages differ from each other.

Course Structure and Grading

- There will be four assignments, two mid terms, and one final exam.
- Three hours of lectures and one problem session each week (except this week).
- Attendance and participation are expected. Please participate in class.
- Please feel free to ask me questions anytime during the lecture (within reasonable bounds).
- Please switch off your mobile phone, or at least set it to silent mode.

Grading

- Assignments: 10%
- Each of the midterms: 25%
- Finals: 40%

Exams

- Mid-term exam 1: t.b.a.
- Mid-term exam 2: t.b.a.
- Final exam: t.b.a.

Core Reading

Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., and Hyams, N. (2014) *An Introduction to Language*. Harcourt Brace College Publishers. **(Tenth edition!)**

Tentative Schedule

Week 1, 22.03 - 26.03 Introduction, Chapter 1

Week 2, 29.03 - 02.04 Phonetics

Week 3, 05.04 - 09.04 Phonetics, Phonology
Wednesday, 07.04 — Assignment 1 given —

Week 4, 12.04 - 16.04 Phonology
Wednesday, 14.04 — Assignment 1 due —

Week 5, 19.04 - 23.04 Morphology

Week 6, 26.04 - 30.04 Morphology
Monday, 26.04 — Assignment 2 given —

Week 7, 03.05 - 07.05 Syntax
Monday, 03.05 — Assignment 2 due —

—, 10.05 - 14.05 — SPRING BREAK —

Week 8, 17.05 - 21.05 Syntax

Week 9, 24.05 - 28.05 Syntax
Monday, 24.05 — Assignment 3 given —

Week 10, 31.05 - 04.06 Syntax
Monday, 31.05 — Assignment 3 due —

Week 11, 07.06 - 11.06 Semantics/Pragmatics

Monday, 07.06 Assignment 4 given

Week 12, 14.06 - 18.06 Semantics/Pragmatics

Monday, 14.06 Assignment 4 due