

# Ling 001 Course syllabus, Spring 2002

This page describes the requirements and other details for the Spring 2002 offering of Linguistics 001: Introduction to Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania. Specific questions should be directed to Prof. [Gene Buckley](http://www.ling.upenn.edu/~gene) (<http://www.ling.upenn.edu/~gene>). See also [other courses](http://www.ling.upenn.edu/undergrad/ugrad.html) (<http://www.ling.upenn.edu/undergrad/ugrad.html>) in linguistics. (Note that the organization of this course is different from the [Fall 2001](#) ([/courses/Fall\\_2001/ling001/](/courses/Fall_2001/ling001/)) offering.)

The other basic page for Ling 001 is the [course schedule \(schedule.html\)](#), which includes links to the on-line lecture notes and the homework assignments.

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Ling 001 is a general introduction to the nature, history, and use of human language, speech, and writing. It is appropriate for any Penn undergraduate interested in language or its use. Topics include:

- sounds, forms, and meanings in the world's languages
- the biological basis of human language and other animal communication systems
- relations of language to cognition, communication, and social organization
- spoken versus written language
- the reconstruction of linguistic history and relatedness among languages
- dialect variation and language standardization
- language and personal identity
- language learning by children
- the neurology of language and language disorders

The course has no prerequisites, and satisfies the [General Requirement](#) ([http://www.college.upenn.edu/requirements/general.html%0Ageneral\\_requirement.html](http://www.college.upenn.edu/requirements/general.html%0Ageneral_requirement.html)) in Living World (Sector V). Although intended for a general audience, Ling 001 is also recommended as an introduction for students who plan to major in linguistics.

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## Meetings

### Lectures

(*Buckley*) | Monday & Wednesday 12-1

[Logan Hall](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=223) ([http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view\\_bldg.php3?id=223](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=223)), room [17](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=1) (<http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=1>)

### Recitation 201

(*Lee*) | Thursday 3-4 \*\* \_new time

\_\*\*[Williams](#)

[Hall](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=170) ([http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view\\_map.php3?id=170](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=170)), room [23](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=21) (<http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=21>)

#### Recitation 202

(Mott) | Friday 11–12

[Nursing Education](#)

[Building \(http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view\\_map.php3?id=125\)](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=125),  
room [115 \(http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=125\)](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=125)

#### Recitation 203

(Mott) | Friday 12–1

[Nursing Education](#)

[Building \(http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view\\_map.php3?id=125\)](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=125),  
room [119–20 \(http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=127\)](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=127)

#### Recitation 204

(Ross) | Thursday 3–4

[Williams](#)

[Hall \(http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view\\_map.php3?id=170\)](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=170), room  
[24 \(http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=22\)](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=22)

#### Recitation 205

(Lee) | Thursday 4–5

[Williams](#)

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[23 \(http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=21\)](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=21)

#### Recitation 206

(Ross) | Friday 12–1

[Moore School](#)

[Building \(http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view\\_map.php3?id=120\)](http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=120),  
room [225 \(http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=14\)](http://www.isc-cts.upenn.edu/finder/classinfo.asp?id=14)

#### Recitation 207

(CWIC section: Buckley) | Wednesday 3–4

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## Readings

There are two required texts, available at the [Penn Bookstore](#) (<http://www.bkstore.com/upenn/>) (at the corner of 36th and Walnut Streets).

- [The Language Instinct: How the Mind Creates Language](#) (<http://www.mit.edu/~pinker/tli.html>), by Steven Pinker, c. 1994, Perennial Classics edition published 2000.
  - Also on reserve at [Rosengarten](#) (<http://www.library.upenn.edu/services/reserves/res-vanpelt.html?vanpelt>), in an edition with different page numbers from those indicated in the syllabus (but the chapter content is the same); call number P106 .P476.
- [The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language](#) ([http://www.cup.org/ObjectBuilder/ObjectBuilder.iwx?ProcessName=ProductPage&Merchant\\_Id=1&product\\_id=0-521-55967-7&origin=search&searchField=TITLE&searchString=encyclopedia%20of%20language](http://www.cup.org/ObjectBuilder/ObjectBuilder.iwx?ProcessName=ProductPage&Merchant_Id=1&product_id=0-521-55967-7&origin=search&searchField=TITLE&searchString=encyclopedia%20of%20language)) (2nd edition), by David Crystal, Cambridge University Press, 1997.
  - Same edition available in the [Reference Department](#) (<http://www.library.upenn.edu/services/reference/ref-vanpelt.html?vanpelt>) at Van Pelt (rather than in Rosengarten), under call number P29 .C64. Note that the

edition used in this course is quite different from the 1st edition, so you won't be able to use an older copy of the book.

## Requirements

You are expected to do the assigned readings and regularly attend lectures and recitations, since these are necessary for you to understand the material tested by written work. There are three kinds of assignments that will be graded.

### Homework

There will be frequent homework assignments (handed out most Wednesdays, due the following Wednesday in class); they give practice in applying the

principles studied in class and in analyzing particular linguistic phenomena. They are graded on a scale of 0–10. When possible, the corrected assignments will be returned a day or two later in the recitation section.

Late assignments will be penalized by one point per day late, and will no longer be accepted once the answer sheet has been distributed. Make-up assignments will be provided only for students with proof of a medical or personal emergency.

Your lowest homework grade will be dropped at the end of the semester, and will not figure in the calculation of your final grade. If you skip any homework, that grade of zero will be dropped.

If you ever miss a class and need to pick up the homework assignment or other handouts, go to the Linguistics Department office, 619 Williams Hall, and look in the box marked "Ling 001" on the front counter. In most cases, however, the materials will be available on the web, from the links on the [course schedule \(schedule.html\)](#).

### Midterm

A midterm exam on Wednesday, February 25 will test knowledge of basic facts and concepts covered in the first half of the course (weeks 1–7). It will take the form of multiple-choice and short-answer questions requiring you to explain or illustrate a particular concept in linguistics. See the [study guide \(study.html\)](#) for topics to be covered.

## Final

A comprehensive final exam will cover material from the entire course, with more emphasis on the second half (since it was not included on the midterm). It is [scheduled \(http://www.upenn.edu/registrar/roster/tfinals.html\)](http://www.upenn.edu/registrar/roster/tfinals.html) for Tuesday, April 30, from 8:30 to 10:30. Like the midterm, it will consist of multiple-choice and short-answer questions.

In addition, a small portion of the grade is determined by **participation** in the class, especially as indicated by regular attendance in recitation sections with an active role in discussions.

## Grading

The final grade for the course will be determined according to the following percentages.

<b>Homework assignments 50%</b>	
Midterm exam	15%
Final exam	30%
Participation	5%

Interim grades are circulated by e-mail at various points in the semester. You can also view information about [grade distributions \(grades.html\)](#) for the class overall.

[syllabus \(syllabus.html\)](#) [schedule \(schedule.html\)](#)

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