

Assignment 3
Complete Paper
Phase 3 of the research paper writing

Due: Sunday 6/11 at 11:59pm (PT)

- Instructions for submission: please turn in the assignment as a **PDF** and upload the file on *BruinLearn* through the Tab 'Assignments'.
- Length of the *Midpoint Development*: about 8-10 pages
- Total points: **38**

GUIDELINES

The *Complete Paper* assignment represents the third phase of your research study.

The general idea of this assignment is to provide the overall presentation of your study. You can expand, refine, enhance, and add up to what you already wrote in the second assignment.

In this phase you need to include a few new components and expand existing. Please thoroughly follow the structure provided.

In writing your *Complete Paper*, you should follow the below structure. Make sure that each of the sections/paragraphs below has a headline. You might need to add subsections (or sub-paragraphs) or to order sections in a different order: this is completely fine, provided that the layout of the paper follow a clear argumentation.

Structure and Description of sections

0. Title, Author's full name, UID, email, academic affiliation

1. Introduction: What is the topic of your paper? What are the specific aspects of this topic you focused on? What language(s) are you investigating? Why is this so relevant for morphology and linguistics?

In the introduction you should include the presentation of the topic and of the specific aspects you studied.

In doing so, the best way to present the phenomenon/pattern/construction/rule/etc.. is to include a basic description of the morphological aspect of the language(s) that is relevant to your topic.

After such a brief description, the reader(s) would best understand what you're referring to if you also add a (or a couple of) straightforward example(s).

Furthermore, the introduction of the language(s) you investigated has to go here.

Finally, also add why this topic is relevant for research in morphology.

2. Updated literature review: what has been previously written about your topic? What previous findings -if any- are relevant for your study? What conclusions by other researchers -if any- does your study challenge?

For the *Complete Paper* a complete, exhaustive, and well organized literature review is required.

The goal of this section is to show that you know the published research outputs which are relevant to your topic.

3. Research question(s): What are the leading questions you strive to answer through your study? In this section you lead the reader(s) to what inspired your study. What burning questions were there that motivated you to pursue this inquiry?

The focus of your research is reflected in the research questions you formulate. Restate them here and make sure that your research questions are clear, precise, and focused.

4. Method for data gathering: how did you collect the data that represent the empirical evidence of your argumentation?

Where are you going to find such data? From native speakers? Published language description? Available databases? Other sources?

Be very specific in writing this section.

For example, if you consulted speakers, how did you obtain data from them? How did you choose your informants? Note that we don't need to know any sensitive information about them.

If you used a questionnaire, make sure that you provide it in full form in your paper (you might want to add the full questionnaire you used in section #9, the Appendix).

If you used existing published data, cite all the sources.

Did you experience blockers at some point in the data gathering process? If so, explain what and how you overcame them.

5. Presentation and description of some essential data

All the claims you make have to be supported by evidence. Therefore, this section is the gold mine of your argumentation. The evidence you collected evidence in the shape of linguistic data has to be turned here in relevant examples of each of the aspects of your topic.

Provide a full presentation of the relevant data you collected. The evidence you collected evidence in the shape of linguistic data has to be turned here in the key examples that clarify the core aspects of the morphological aspect(s) you are investigating.

Use the three-line way of presenting linguistic data and make use of the glossing. For example:

- a. ameremo (standard Italian)
love.IND.FUT.1PL
'We will/shall love.'
- b. il capotreno (standard Italian)
DEF.DET.MSG [chief.MSG-train.MSG].MSG
'the train conductor'
- c. Potrei prendere un calzone piccolo con formaggio.
can.COND.1SG get.INF INDEF.DET.MSG calzone.MSG small.MSG with cheese.MSG
'I could get a small cheese calzone.' (standard Italian)

This section should be highly descriptive: make sure that the reader(s) will understand all the examples and their relevance for your study.

Please note that if in your language(s) a different writing system than the English one is used, you should transliterate your examples into English/Roman alphabet.

6. Interpretation and/or analysis of the data

What do the data presented in section #5 suggest overall about the topic of your study? Can you detect any patterns or not? Did the data reveal something unexpected? Do they contradict the previous findings? Do they confirm some of them and contradict others?

This is the explanatory section of your paper, where your reasoning and argumentation have to emerge. You can make use of any formalism you wish (rules, trees, etc.).

More importantly, here your critical mind should emerge: what is your unique contribution to this topic?

7. Conclusions and/or future developments

This is the section where you summarize the main points of your argumentation. You will provide the answer(s) to your research question(s) and highlight any potential far reaching consequence that your study might have.

Also, you might have ideas on how to further develop your study in the future: include them here.

8. The updated bibliographical references: what sources did you consult that the reader should be aware of?

You should compile a *complete* list of bibliographical references. This should include all of the sources that you have consulted so far in your research.

9. Appendix (optional)

Drop here any additional data or materials which might be useful to the reader(s).

In this section you can also add a list of abbreviations, if needed.

How are we going to grade this assignment?

- We will check your theoretical **knowledge of the morphological concepts** we covered so far in lectures, sections, and reading.
- We will evaluate how **you applied the morphological concepts** to your study.
- We will evaluate the **structure of your paper**. You need to follow the structure suggested in the Guidelines.
- We will consider objectivity, clarity, exhaustiveness, and precision in your writing. Your writing should reflect the academic style.
- Finally, very importantly, we will look for expressions of **your critical mind**, i.e. your justified point of view, especially in the section devoted to interpretation/analysis.

Overall, the prospectus should be well-written, clear, and organized, with precise research questions supported by the data.