

LING 101.01 — Introduction to Language & Linguistics I

Fall 2024 Syllabus

Class hours: MM 56 W 5

PS hour: W 6

Rooms: Monday: TB 310 Wednesday: EF 106

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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. Active participation is required.
- (2) ASSIGNMENTS: You will be given **four short problem sets** based on the material we cover in this course. Late submission is not an option.
- (3) EXAMS. There will be **two midterms** in the course of the semester. The final exam will be cumulative.
- (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.

Evaluation:

Participation & Assignments 20%

(4 assignments in total)

Midterms: 40%

(2 midterms in total)

Final: 40%

Grading Breakdown

DD	60	—	64
DC	65	—	69
CC	70	—	74
CB	75	—	79
BB	80	—	84
BA	85	—	89
AA	90	—	100

The passing grade for the course is 60.

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

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.

A note on exam scheduling conflicts. Since this is a mass course, **midterm dates are announced by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Dates are TBA.** 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.

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

Week	Dates	Topic	Notes
1	Sept 23 Sept 25	Introduction Introduction	(No PS this week)
2	Sept 30 Oct 2	Phonetics Phonetics	
3	Oct 7 Oct 9	Phonetics Phonology	HW1 is assigned
4	Oct 14 Oct 16	Phonology Phonology	HW1 is due HW2 is assigned
5	Oct 21 Oct 23	Morphology Morphology	HW2 is due
6	Oct 28 Oct 30	Morphology Morphophonology	HW3 is assigned
7	Nov 4 Nov 6	Syntax Syntax	HW 3 is due
8	Nov 11 Nov 13	Syntax Syntax	
9	Nov 18 Nov 20	Syntax Syntax	HW 4 is assigned
10	Nov 25 Nov 27	Morphosyntax Morphosyntax	HW 4 is due
11	Dec 2 Dec 4	Semantics Semantics	
12	Dec 9 Dec 11	Semantics Semantics	
13	Dec 16 Dec 18	Semantics Review	