

Ling 200: First year linguistics proseminar

Fall 2023

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Meetings: Fri 11:10a–Noon
Office Hours: Weds 9-11a; 15 minute increments are schedulable at this link

Description

This class will introduce you to resources available to you as graduate students, both within the linguistics department and at the university level. It will also introduce you to some steps you can be taking now and in the coming months to prepare yourselves for success as graduate students at Berkeley

Grade policy¹

Participation in class	25%
Attend colloquia and at least one working group meeting per week	25%
Complete your human subjects training (CITI)	25%
Write a 2-page conference abstract OR NSFGRF proposal	25%

Class Policies

Email policy: Reserve substantive questions about the course material for class meetings or office hours. You can generally expect an email response from me within 24 hours, though emails sent on weekends may not receive a response until Monday.

Office hours: Because I am mostly teaching graduate classes, I have schedulable 15-minute slots for course-related content or questions which can be accessed at my Google Calendar at this link.

Respect policy: This class is a place of exploration and learning. All points of view are welcomed and accepted, so please keep an open mind to the opinions and ideas of others. Listening is crucial to contributing productively to a conversation. Be attentive to the flow of discussion, stick to the subject, but feel free to ask questions and add comments! The course will benefit from everyone's input.

Accommodations for students with disabilities: If you require course accommodations due to a physical, emotional, or learning disability, contact UC Berkeley's Disabled Students' Program (DSP). Notify the instructor through course email of the accommodations you would like to use. You must have a Letter of Accommodation on file with UC Berkeley to have accommodations made in the course. More information is available at this link. If those times don't work for you feel free to book an academic advising slot or to email me to schedule another meeting.

Religious holidays: UC Berkeley promotes respect for all religions. Any student who is unable to attend classes or to participate in any examination, presentation, or assignment on a given day because of the observance of a major religious holiday (see below) or related travel shall be excused and provided with the opportunity to make up, without unreasonable burden, any work that has been missed for this reason and shall not in any other way be penalized for the absence or rescheduled work. Students will remain responsible for all assigned work. Students should notify professors in writing at the beginning of the semester of religious observances that conflict with their classes.

Title IX: Please know that as a faculty member I am committed to supporting survivors of sexual misconduct, including relationship violence and sexual assault. However, university policy also requires me to report any disclosures about sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate the University's response to sexual misconduct. UC Berkeley has a number of partially and fully confidential professional resources who can provide support and assistance to survivors of sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct. These resources include:

¹NSFGRF social sciences deadline: October 17, Reference letter deadline: Oct 27, information at: <https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

- Confidential support at PATH to Care Center: <https://care.berkeley.edu/>; 24-hour phone line: 510-643-2005
- Support for survivors: <https://svsh.berkeley.edu/support/support-survivors>
- Reporting options: <https://svsh.berkeley.edu/reporting/reporting-options>

Schedule

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	GUEST	ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1	(8/25)	Welcome!		
Week 2	(9/1)	Grad experience, UAW Rep	Anna Macknick	
Week 3	(9/8)	Computing and phonology lab	Ronald Sprouse	CITI training
Week 4	(9/15)	Conferences and abstracts		Find 2 conferences in your field
Week 5	(9/22)	Grants and funding		Find 2 funding sources
Week 6	(9/29)	Web presence	Andrew Garrett	Find 2 grad websites, 1 good, 1 bad
Week 7	(10/6)	Finding research ideas	Amy Rose Deal	Find 2 research ideas
Week 8	(10/13)	D-Lab	Severin Saenz	2-page abstract/NSFGRF proposal
Week 9	(10/20)	Library resources	Hilary Schiraldi Michele McKenzie	
Week 10	(10/27)	Oswalt grants & the CLA	Zach O'Hagan	Review of classmate's abstract
Week 11	(11/3)	Submitting to journals		ID 2 journals in your field
Week 12	(11/10)	No class: Veteran's Day		
Week 13	(11/17)	Sustaining research		
Week 14	(11/24)	No class: Thanksgiving!		
Week 15	(12/1)	Linguists around campus	Mairi McLaughlin Justin Davison Kimberly Vinall	