

Name of the Student: _____

It is time to set the general topic of your term paper/project. Below are some topic suggestions; **topics are not limited to this list**. The proposal will not be graded, and it will get 5% credit as long as you submit it on the due date. The minimum requirement is to state the topic of your paper and the language over which you would like to study the topic. If you have some more specific ideas and plans please state them, not exceeding one page.

What is expected in the term paper/project is to write a grammar for a fragment of the language you study, covering the phenomenon you picked as your topic. The ideal is for you to develop a novel account of the phenomenon, but this may not be possible given the limited time. Therefore, the baseline expectation for the paper/project is a survey of major accounts in the literature and integrating them to your grammar so that you can assess their strong and weak points.

There is no special reading or homework assignment this week to spare time for you to check the textbooks or other sources to pick and specify your topic.

Here is a list of some topic ideas; most of these will need to be further specified and some topics may be suitable to combine.

1. The passive construction, including the impersonal variety.
2. The causative construction.
3. Word order flexibility, local and long distance scrambling.
4. Binding of reflexives and reciprocals.
5. Binding of pronouns, overt, null and PRO forms.
6. Noun phrases; their properties related to determination, number, modification etc.
7. Types and properties of adjuncts in a given language.
8. Questions.
9. Negation and/or negative polarity items.
10. Relative clauses.
11. Other forms of extraction.
12. Ellipsis phenomena: VP ellipsis, gapping etc.
13. Various forms of complementation: infinitivals, factive complements, other nominalized clauses.
14. Topics related to tense aspect and modality.
15. and, so on.