

Introduction to Language and Linguistics

Lecture: MTWH 9:30-10:35 AM

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Course Description: This course is an introduction to the scientific study of language. We will study the sounds of language, the structure of language, the meaning of language, as well as the social, cultural, and psychological aspects of a diverse variety of the world's languages.

Textbook: *How Languages Work* (HLW) by Carol Genetti; available at the UCSB bookstore, on reserve in the Davidson Library, and in hardcover, paperback, or Kindle editions on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/How-Languages-Work-Introduction-Linguistics/dp/0521174686/>

Course Requirements:

Reading Quizzes (10)	20%
Section Activities (4)	10%
Homework Assignments (5)	20%
Midterm Exam (Monday, July 14)	20%
Final Exam (Friday, August 1)	30%

Course Schedule: Below is an outline of the course. This schedule is subject to change; see GauchoSpace for the latest info. Reading in parenthesis denotes an extra credit opportunity.

Week 1	Introduction, Phonetics
Reading	HLW Chapters 1, 2, (10)
Assignment 1	Due Sunday, June 29 at 11:59PM
Week 2	Phonology, Morphology
Reading	HLW Chapters 3, 4
Assignment 2	Due Sunday, July 6 at 11:59PM
Week 3	Word Classes, Syntax
Reading	HLW Chapters 5, 6, (9)
Assignment 3	Due Sunday, July 13 at 11:59PM
Week 4	Typology, Language Change
Midterm Exam	Monday, July 14
Reading	HLW Chapter 12, (13)
Assignment 4	Due Sunday, July 20 at 11:59PM
Week 5	Semantics, Psycholinguistics
Reading	HLW Chapter 7, 14, (15)
Assignment 5	Due Sunday, July 27 at 11:59PM
Week 6	Sociolinguistics, Conclusion
Reading	HLW Chapter 11, (8)
Final Exam	Friday, August 1

Grading: Final grades are assigned as follows: A+ > 97; A > 92.9; A- > 89.9; B+ > 87; B > 82.9; B- > 79.9; C+ > 77; C > 72.9; C- > 69.9; D+ > 67; D > 62.9; D- > 59.9; F < 59.9

Attendance: Although lecture attendance is not mandatory, it is crucial for success. There will be material covered in lecture which is not in the book, and there will be material in the book which is not covered in lecture. **You are responsible for both.** If you must leave early, arrive late, or miss a lecture, lecture slides will be posted online, but try to get notes from a classmate.

Reading Quizzes: Reading quizzes are available online on GauchoSpace and may be completed at any time. You are encouraged to complete quizzes at the same time you complete the readings, following the schedule outlined above. You are free to use any resources except your classmates.

Section Activities: Section attendance and participation are extremely important. Section activities help you practice linguistic analysis to prepare for homework and exams.

Homework: All assignments must be turned in as PDFs on GauchoSpace; emailed or hard copy assignments will not be accepted. Most word processing software (Word, Pages, OpenOffice, etc.) has an option to "Save as..." or "Export to..." PDF. Homework must be turned in with the following filename format: class_assignment_name.pdf. For example, if I were turning in the second homework for this class, I would submit the file: ling20_assignment2_nelson.pdf

Collaboration is encouraged, but each student must submit their own work (no copy/pasting from each other). If you work together, please note your partners' names on your assignment.

Late/Make-up Policy: All late homework will be penalized 10% for each 24 hour period it is late. For example, A (95%) work turned in two days late will receive a C (75%). No reading quizzes will be accepted after the final exam. No make-up section activities or exams will be allowed except in extraordinary circumstances (e.g.: medical emergency, etc.).

Exams: The midterm and final exams will contain true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and analysis problems similar to the homework and reading quizzes.

Extra Credit: Complete additional reading quizzes, participate in research experiments, and/or write a short essay about a topic in linguistics. Details will be posted on GauchoSpace.

Getting Help: If you have any questions or need help on homework or quizzes, feel free to visit either myself or the TA during office hours, or to email us at any time. Also, be sure to make use of the study guides, flashcards, and interactive quizzes which accompany the textbook:
<http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/textbooks/genetti/students/>

Special Accommodations: University policy requests that any accommodation must be initiated by the student. If you need special accommodations for the examinations, or if you have other learning needs that your TA or instructor should be aware of, you may request accommodations by contacting the Disabled Students Program.

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