

COURSE OUTLINE
Anthropology 1027A-001
Introduction to Linguistics
Fall 2018

Lectures: Mondays 4:30–6:30 pm Classroom: SSC-2032

Tutorials: Choose one of Wednesdays 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30 pm

* Classrooms to be announced in class.

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Credit value: 0.5 credit

Calendar Course Description: Introduction to basic concepts and methods of modern linguistics. Topics include articulatory and acoustic phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. This course is a prerequisite for subsequent linguistics courses in the Department of Anthropology and/or the Linguistics program.

Prerequisites: None.

Antirequisites: Linguistics 2288A/B.

Course Syllabus:

Linguistics is the scientific study of human language: how it works, patterns, structures, processes of change. Linguists study language as a system of thought and communication by examining particular languages and comparing them. In this course, students will learn the basic concepts in the main areas of linguistics: phonetics (sound systems), phonology (sound patterns), morphology (word formation), syntax (sentence structure) and semantics (word and sentence meaning). In addition, we will explore the changes in language. This course trains students to recognize patterns in language and to solve analytical problems using

both systematic and creative thinking. Students will be introduced to many different languages as we examine similarities and differences among them.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

Recognize linguistic patterns within and across languages.

Effectively analyze the structure of languages, as manifested in their phonological, morphological, syntactic, and/or semantic systems.

Express, assess, and defend analyses of linguistic data with clarity and rigor in standard written academic language.

Use linguistic terminology to explain language phenomena.

Course Materials:

Required:

Contemporary Linguistic Analysis: an introduction, 8th edition. Edited by William O'Grady and John Archibald (2016) Pearson/Longman: Toronto.

Additional readings (available either online, on reserve at Weldon Library, to be announced later) as required.

Optional:

Contemporary Linguistic Analysis: an introduction, study guide, 8th edition. Edited by William O'Grady and John Archibald, prepared by Teresa Merrells (2016) Pearson/Longman: Toronto.

Evaluation:

Tutorial exercises - 15% (1.5% each)

There are ten tutorial exercises that will be assigned on Monday in lecture each week to be handed in on Wednesday by the end of the tutorial class. Late assignments will be accepted up until Monday for half the credit. These exercises will be marked for completeness, not correctness.

Homework assignments - 15% (5% each)

There are three homework assignments due throughout the semester. Homework must be submitted at the beginning (within the first 10 minutes) of class. Late homework will be penalized 5% of the assignment grade per business day and will only be accepted until Thursday (15% penalty); it should be dropped off at the Anthropology drop box. If you are going to miss class, homework must be submitted through the Anthropology drop box beside the main office before the class when the assignment is due. Make sure to put your first and last name and the professor's name on your assignment. Electronic submissions of assignments will not be accepted.

You may submit handwritten homework assignments if you find the linguistic symbols and diagrams too difficult or tedious to reproduce by computer. Make sure your writing is neat; illegible assignments will not be marked. Multi-page assignments must be stapled using one staple in the upper left-hand corner of the page. Failure to follow these submission requirements will result in our refusal to accept your assignment. Please purchase a stapler now if you do not already own one.

Midterm Exam - 35%

The midterm will take place during class time on October 29 in our regular classroom. There will be no make-up test unless you provide documentation from Academic Counseling. Students arriving more than 30 minutes after the exam has begun will not be admitted.

Details about the format of the exam will be given in class.

Final Exam - 35%

The exam will be administered according to the final exam schedule, date TBA. Conflicts with other exams will be dealt with according to policy. It will be a 3-hour exam focusing on material learned before and after the midterm exam; however, you will be expected to use what you have learned from the first half of the course when relevant. Details about the final exam will be given in class. No makeups will be administered unless the proper procedures are followed. Likewise, students needing special accommodations must follow the proper channels. **WARNING: DO NOT BOOK FLIGHTS IN DECEMBER UNTIL YOU HAVE THE EXAM SCHEDULE IN HAND.** "I have a vacation already booked" is not a justification for a makeup exam.

Course Specific Statements and Policies:

Statement on Seeking Special Accommodations:

No accommodations will be granted retroactively more than 10 days after an assignment's due date or a missed quiz or test. Please see your academic counsellor immediately if you will be seeking accommodations based on medical or compassionate grounds.

Statement on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing. It is also a scholastic offence to submit the same work for credit in more than one course. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence.

Policy on Laptops and Cellphones in Class:

Laptops are permitted for note-taking in class but if it is observed that students are on social networking sites, they will be asked to close the laptop and will not be permitted to use it for the remainder of the class. Be sure that all cellphones are turned off at the beginning of class.

Institutional Statements and Policies

All students should familiarize themselves with Western's current academic policies regarding accessibility, plagiarism and scholastic offences, and medical accommodation. [These policies are outlined with links to the full policies on the Anthropology website.](#)