

**Spring 2017**

**Lectures**

Tuesdays 11:45am—1:40pm, Little Hall (LIT) 0101

**TA Sections**

Aleksandra:

Section 8415: Thursdays 10:40am—11:30am, Rinker Hall (RNK) 0215

Section 0394: Thursdays 11:45am—12:35pm, Matherly Hall (MAT) 0114

Section 0315: Thursdays 12:50pm—1:40pm, Matherly Hall (MAT) 0251

Ethan:

Section 6156: Thursdays 9:35am—10:25am, Matherly Hall (MAT) 0114

Section 0074: Thursdays 10:40am—11:30am, Matherly Hall (MAT) 0113

Section 0078: Thursdays 11:45am—12:35pm, Matherly Hall (MAT) 0051

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**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to linguistics, the scientific study of language. In order to understand what language is, we will examine a number of topics, including:

- the sound system of language (phonetics and phonology);
- the structure of words and sentences (morphology and syntax);
- the meaning of words and sentences (semantics);
- how language is produced and understood (psycho— and neurolinguistics);
- how children learn language (language acquisition);
- how languages differ over time and situations.

**Course objectives:** By the end of this course you should understand what linguists study and have a good understanding of the core concepts in each of the above topics.

**Course Credit Requirements and Grading**

3 exams	60% (20% each)
3 quizzes	15% (5% each)
3 homeworks	15% (5% each)
Research Participation/Lecture Attendance	10% (choose one)

**Attendance and Participation:** Attendance is mandatory. You are allowed to miss up to three classes (lectures and TA sections combined) without any excuse. Each further unexcused absence will lower your grade by one level (e.g. from an A to A—).

**Exams/quizzes:** There will be 3 exams and 3 quizzes. Each exam counts towards 20% of your final grade; each quiz counts towards 5% of your final grade. All exams and quizzes are taken during class time (see the schedule below) and are closed book/closed notes.

**Homeworks:** There will be 3 homework assignments for this class. See the schedule below for the due dates of these homeworks. The homeworks have to be submitted as paper copies to your Teaching Assistant at the beginning of class on the due date. Each homework counts towards 5% of your final grade.

**Research Participation/Lecture Attendance:** You will choose one of the following options to get credit of 10% towards your final grade:

- a) participation in a research experiment: you can participate in any research experiment conducted on campus during the fall 2016 semester. The faculty member in charge of the research experiment should confirm your participation in an email to Dr. Wulff (swulff@ufl.edu). Proof of participation has to be submitted to Dr. Wulff by **19 April 5pm**.
- b) lecture attendance: you can attend two language–related lectures (in the Department of Linguistics, World Languages and Literatures, Speech and Hearing Sciences, etc.). Proof of attendance has to be submitted to Dr. Wulff by **19 April 5pm**.

### **Extra Credit**

There are no extra credit opportunities in this class. If you have three or more excused absences, please contact me to discuss the possibility of a make–up exam or equivalent. You cannot make up for unexcused absences.

### **Grading Scale**

Your total score determines your final grade on this grading scale:

100–93=A; 92.9–90=A–; 89.9–87=B+; 86.9–83=B; 82.9–80=B–; 79.9–77=C+; 76.9–73=C(S); 72.9–70=C–(U); 69.9–67=D+; 66.9–63=D; 62.9–60=D–; 59.9–0=E

For information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points, please go to <<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>>.

### **Classroom Etiquette**

Please turn off cellular phones during class. Please make every effort to arrive to class on time. Being more than 7 minutes late to the start of the course will count as an absence on each third occasion of such tardiness.

### **Required Materials**

There is one required text book for this class: *The Language Files* (The Ohio State University Department of Linguistics; 11<sup>th</sup> edition). All other course materials will be available on CANVAS or in class.

### **Accommodations**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. For more information, please go to <<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>>.

### **Academic Integrity**

The UF Honor Code, which all students are required to abide by, reads:

We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” For more information on the UF Honor Code, please go to: <<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcode.php>>.

**Class Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday Lecture</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday TA Section</b>
		1/5	Introductions
1/10	Introduction (Chapter 1) Animal Communication (Chapter 14)	1/12	Exercises
1/17	Phonetics (Files 2.0–2.3; 2.5)	1/19	Exercises
1/24	Phonology (Files 3.0–3.4)	1/26	Exercises
1/31	Morphology/Typology (Files 4.0–4.4)	2/2	<b>Quiz 1</b> Exercises
2/7	Syntax I (Files 5.0–5.4)	2/9	<b>Homework 1 Due</b> Exercises
2/14	<b>Exam 1</b> Syntax II (File 5.5)	2/16	Exercises
2/21	Semantics (Files 6.0–6.4)	2/23	Exercises
2/28	Pragmatics (Files 7.0–7.5)	3/2	<b>Quiz 2</b> Exercises
3/7	Spring Break	3/9	Spring Break
3/14	Language Acquisition (Files 8.0–8.5)	3/16	<b>Homework 2 Due</b> Exercises
3/21	Language Processing (Chapter 9)	3/23	<b>Exam 2</b>
3/28	Language Variation (Chapter 10) Language and Culture I (Files 11.0–11.2)	3/30	Exercises
4/4	Language and Culture II (11.3–11.5) Language Contact (Chapter 12)	4/6	<b>Quiz 3</b> Exercises
4/11	Language Change (Chapter 13) Language and Computers (Chapter 16)	4/13	<b>Homework 3 Due</b> Exercises
4/18	<b>Exam 3</b>	4/20	Reading Day