

LIN3010: Introduction to Linguistics

Class Meeting Times and Locations

Lecture (all sections): M, W, F

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| Section 13904 | 09:35am-10:25am | MAT0003 |
| Section 13918 | 10:40am-11:30am | MAT0002 |

Instructor

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Course Description

The goal of this course is to introduce the field of linguistics (the scientific study of language) as well as the methodologies/approaches taken by linguistics to analyze language. During this course, we will examine some of the key areas of linguistics, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, pragmatics, language variation and change, and language acquisition.

Course Objectives

Successful completion of the course will enable you to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the core areas of linguistics
- Analyze a range of language structures at different levels of complexity
- Use basic linguistic terminology to describe the features of human languages

Required Materials

Finegan, E. (2015). *Language: Its Structure and Use* (7th Edition). Stamford, Connecticut: Cengage Learning.

*This textbook is available through the UF All Access Program.

**Any additional readings or materials will be made available on Canvas.

Course Website: Canvas

Materials, assignments, and grades will be accessible through Canvas on the UF eLearning website (<http://elearning.ufl.edu>). If you encounter any issues while using this site, you can contact the UF Computing Help Desk (<http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/>) or your instructor.

Grading Scale

Grade Scale:

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| 100-93 = A | 86.9-83 = B | 76.9-73 = C | 66.9-63 = D |
| 92.9-90 = A- | 82.9-80 = B- | 72.9-70 = C- | 62.9-60 = D- |
| 89.9-87 = B+ | 79.9-77 = C+ | 69.9-67 = D+ | 59.9-0 = E |

Course Grade

Course Grade Distribution:

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| Homework | 40% |
| Linguistic Puzzle | 15% |
| Exams | <u>45%</u> |
| | 100% |

Homework—40%

You will submit 6 homework assignments based on the readings and class discussions. Specific instructions and questions will be available on the course site on Friday of the week prior to the due date.

Linguistic Puzzle—15%

You will work with your group member on a linguistic puzzle provided by the instructor. Your group will have two weeks to work on the puzzle. You will need to email the instructor your choice of group members and date no later than 10/13. On the linguistic puzzle day, you will present with your group members the solution(s) to the linguistic puzzle. You will also upload your solution(s) and the contribution of each group member to canvas after your presentation.

Exams—45%

There will be 3 exams. Each exam counts towards 15% of your final grade. Honorlock will proctor your exams this semester. Honorlock support is available 24/7/365. If you encounter any issues, you may contact them by live chat, phone (844-243-2500), and/or email (support@honorlock.com). No make-up is allowed unless proper documentation, such as doctor's note, is provided.

Submit Work on Time

Time management is one of the most essential skills you need to develop during college. This includes planning your work-life balance so that you can meet all your deadlines. Every assignment in this course has a deadline that you will need to meet. However, I understand that "life happens". Because of this, late work (excluding exams) will be accepted with a small penalty of 10% of the grade for each day it is late for up to three days. Extensions (without penalty) are possible in the event of circumstances out of your control (e.g. sickness) that you can provide documentation for (e.g. doctor's note). If you miss an exam, you will need to contact me to set-up a make-up time and provide documentation. Missed exams without a documented excuse cannot be made up.

Classroom Etiquette and Expectations

I expect all students to always conduct themselves in a respectful and appropriate manner during class. We all have different viewpoints, cultural backgrounds, and beliefs, so be aware of this and try to remain open-minded. This includes when interacting with your peers in classroom discussions and group work.

You are welcome to use your laptop, tablet, and/or smartphone in class to enhance your learning experience. However, be forewarned that if you miss something important due to technological distractions, it is your responsibility to get the information you missed from a classmate.

As a student in this course, you are expected to attend class regularly and complete all assignments and readings on time. Students are also expected to check Canvas regularly for messages and updates regarding the class. Students who fail to do this are not likely to succeed in this course.

Academic Integrity

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. 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.” The Honor Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Conduct Code at <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>

Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory for the lectures. You are allowed to miss up to three 50-minute class periods without any excuse. Each further unexcused absence will lower your grade by one level (e.g. from an A to A-). Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

UF Religious Holiday Policy

At UF, we understand that our students come from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds. University policy states that you will not be penalized for *planned absences* related to religious observances. For more information, you may view UF’s official policy online at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx> or talk with a teacher.

Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center (<https://disability.ufl.edu/get-started/>). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Schedule

| Week | Module | Due |
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| Week 1 | 08/23 Introduction to LIN3010 08/25 Introduction to Linguistics 1 | |
| Week 2 | 08/28 Introduction to Linguistics 2 08/30 Phonetics 1 09/01 Phonetics 2 | |
| Week 3 | 09/04 Labor Day (No Class) 09/06 Phonetics 3 09/08 Discussion and Exercise | Homework 1 due 09/08 |
| Week 4 | 09/11 Phonology 1 09/13 Phonology 2 09/15 Conference (No Class) | |
| Week 5 | 09/18 Phonology 3 09/20 Discussion and Exercise 09/22 Exam 1 review | Homework 2 due 09/22 |

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| Week 6 | 09/25 Exam 1 (No Class) 09/27 Morphology 1 09/29 Morphology 2 | |
| Week 7 | 10/02 Morphology 3 10/04 Discussion and Exercise 10/06 Homecoming (No Class) | Homework 3 due 10/06 |
| Week 8 | 10/09 Syntax 1 10/11 Syntax 2 10/13 Conference (No Class) | Linguistic Puzzle Sign-up due 10/13 |
| Week 9 | 10/16 Syntax 3 10/18 Discussion and Exercise 10/20 Semantics 1 | Homework 4 due 10/20 |
| Week 10 | 10/23 Semantics 2 10/25 Discussion and Exercise 10/27 Exam 2 Review | |
| Week 11 | 10/30 Exam 2 (No Class) 11/01 Linguistic Puzzle 1 11/03 Linguistic Puzzle 2 | |
| Week 12 | 11/06 Pragmatics 1 11/08 Pragmatics 2 11/10 Veterans Day Observed (No Class) | Homework 5 due 11/10 |
| Week 13 | 11/13 Discussion and Exercise 11/15 Language Acquisition 1 11/17 Language Acquisition 2 | |
| Week 14 | 11/20 Discussion and Exercise 11/22 Thanksgiving Break (No Class) 11/24 Thanksgiving Break (No Class) | |
| Week 15 | 11/27 Language Variation and Change 1 11/29 Language Variation and Change 2 12/01 Discussion and Exercise | Homework 6 due 12/01 |
| Week 16 | 12/04 Exam 3 Review 12/06 Exam 3 (No Class) | |

*This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change due to class progress and unexpected emergencies.

*Any changes will be announced in class and posted on Canvas.