

LIN 3010: Introduction to Linguistics

Section 156H

Section 16AF

Section 156H Time T 10:40-11:30am (4 th Period) R 10:40-12:35pm (4 th -5 th Period, with break) Location AND (Anderson) 013	Section 16AF Time T 1:55-2:45pm (7 th Period) R 1:55-3:50pm (7 th -8 th Period, with break) Location MAT (Matherly) 051
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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 neuro-linguistics);
- 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.

Required materials The Language Files (The Ohio State University Department of Linguistics; 11th edition) Other course materials (syllabus, homework assignments, handouts, extra exercises, etc.) will be available on Canvas: <https://ufl.instructure.com/> or in class.

Course credits and grading

Components	Weight
3 Exams	45% (15% for each)
7 Homework assignments	35% (5% for each)
12 Unannounced in-class quizzes	10% (1% for each) (2 dropped)
Attendance & class participation	5%
Research participation	5%

- **Exams**

There will be 3 non-cumulative exams spaced throughout the semester. Each exam counts 15% of your final grade. All exams are taken during class time (see the schedule below) and are closed-book ones. Exams will be graded on a 0-100 point scale.

- **Homework assignments**

There will be 7 homework assignments throughout the semester. Each homework counts 5% of your final grade. You should work through and write up all the problems for the day they are due. We will go over most of the problems in class, allowing you to check your progress and understanding. Homework assignments must be typed, printed out, and submitted as hard copies at the beginning of class on the due date. As we will discuss them in class on the day they are due, anything written by hand on your assignments, will be regarded as your in-class notes, not part of your answers. For the same reason, late homework will not be graded or credited. Homework assignments will be graded on a 0-100 point scale.

- **Unannounced in-class quizzes**

There will be 12 unannounced quizzes throughout the semester, one point each, with the lowest two dropped. They will consist of a brief (5 minutes or less) question at the beginning of the class. The goal of the quizzes is to check that you understand basic concepts. **No make-up for the pop quizzes.**

- **Attendance & class participation**

Attendance is required and students will sign in at each class meeting. Class participation is essential to the success of this course. You are unlikely to succeed without coming to class, paying attention, and participating. There will be in-class individual or group exercises. The goal of these exercises is to check that you are following the class discussion and that you understand basic concepts.

An absence is considered excused if there is an acceptable reason according to UF policy (catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx). Examples of acceptable reasons are medical illness (with doctor's notes), religious holidays, and military obligation. Please notify me as soon as possible if you have an excused absence.

Otherwise, absences will be considered unexcused and your attendance/participation grade will be dropped by 1 point (1% weight) from your final grade for each 1-period unexcused absence. Hence, unexcused absences on Thursday for entire 2 periods will be dropped by 2 points. When the deduction is beyond 5%, your grade will drop by one letter grade (e.g., B to B-) for each unexcused absence, regardless of 1 or 2 periods.

- **Research participation**

You can choose one of the following options to get credit of 5% towards your final grade:

- a) **Participation in a research experiment:** you can volunteer to participate in any research experiment conducted on campus during the Spring 2016 semester. The experimenter should confirm your participation by providing you with the consent form with both his/her and your signatures. Please hand in the consent form to me on the assigned date around the end of the semester.

- b) **Conference attendance:** you can attend a linguistics conference and make notes during the presentation. Please write a brief (one-page, 12-font, double-spaced) summary of the presented research using your notes, and hand in the summary to me on the same assigned date at the end of the semester. Please note that class lectures do not count. *Linguistics Thursday Seminar* and other extracurricular language-related lectures/presentations do count.

Grading scale

Homework will be graded using the letter scale below. The corresponding numerical score on a 100 point scale is given below.

A+	100	stunning	C-	72	
A	95	excellent	D+	68	
A-	92		D	65	marginal work, significant improvement is required
B+	88				
B	85	good	D-	62	
B-	82		E	30	unsatisfactory
C+	78			0	missing work
C	75	satisfactory			

Quizzes will be graded on a pass/fail (0 or 100) basis. The two lowest quizzes will be dropped.

The course grading scale is as follows:

A	93.3-100
A-	90-93.2
B+	86.7-89.9
B	83.3-86.6
B-	80-83.2
C+	76.7-79.9
C	73.3-76.6
C-	70-73.2
D+	66.7-69.9
D	63.3-66.6
D-	60-63.2
E	< 60

Further information about UF's grading policies and the calculation of grade point averages is at: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

Extra credit, late homework and make-up quizzes or exams

Homework are all due in class, printed. You should assume that late homework will not be graded or credited. Electronically submitted work (e.g., via email) will not be accepted. There are no make-up opportunities for exams or quizzes.

All requests for exceptions due to illness, religious obligations, unexpected emergencies, or other extenuating circumstances must be made before the exam date or assignment due date. If you know that you will be unable to complete any work on time, contact the instructor to make arrangements *prior to* the due date.

There will be no extra credit opportunities to help you raise your grade. The best strategy is to keep up with the course and do the best work you are capable of on the assigned work.

Teamwork policy an academic integrity

Science is, for the most part, a collaborative endeavor. While all written work must be your own, you are *encouraged* to work together on case studies, homework, and project activities. Academic honesty includes giving appropriate credit to collaborators. Although collaboration is encouraged, collaboration should not be confused with writing up the results of a classmate's work - this is *unacceptable*. If you work as a part of a group, you should indicate this at the top of your assignment when you submit it.

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>.

Classroom policies

- Please silence all cell phones during class.
- Emailing, web browsing and other computer activity is not allowed during class unless this is part of the course assignments.

Course schedule

Week	Date	Tuesday	Assignments, quizzes, and exams	Date	Thursday	Assignments, quizzes, and exams
1	1/5	Course overview & General Introduction I		1/7	General Introduction II & Features of Human Language	
2	1/12	Phonetics		1/14	Phonetics	
3	1/19	Phonetics	Hw1 due	1/21	Phonology	
4	1/26	Phonology		1/28	Phonology	Hw2 due
5	2/2	Exam 1		2/4	Morphology	
6	2/9	Morphology		2/11	Morphology	
7	2/16	Syntax	Hw3 due	2/18	Syntax	
8	2/23	Syntax		2/25	Syntax	Hw4 due
9	3/1	Spring Break: No Class		3/3	Spring Break: No Class	
10	3/8	Exam 2		3/10	Semantics	
11	3/15	Semantics		3/17	Semantics + Hw5	
12	3/22	Pragmatics	Hw5 due	3/24	Pragmatics	
13	3/29	Language acquisition		3/31	Language acquisition	
14	4/5	Psycholinguistics + Hw6	Hw6 due	4/7	Psycholinguistics	
15	4/12	Psycholinguistics		4/14	Language typology and variation	Hw7 due
16	4/19	Exam 3		4/21	No class. Semester ends.	