LIN 3010 - Introduction to Linguistics

Monday, Wednesday, Friday; Period 7 (1:55 PM - 2:45 PM)

Contact Information and Office Hours

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Office hours: Monday Period 3 & 4 (9:35am-11:30pm), Friday Period 9 (4:05pm-4:55pm)

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Course Meeting Times

This is a synchronous online class, which means that we will meet regularly on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for lectures. All meetings are on Zoom. The Zoom meetings are under the *Zoom* tab on the Canvas eLearning page for the course.

Lectures

Monday lecture (all sections): 1:55pm-2:45pm (Zoom meeting ID 996 8979 2205, password Intro2020)

Wednesday lecture (all sections): 1:55pm-2:45pm (Zoom meeting ID 929 5706 8004, password Intro2020)

Friday lecture (all sections): 1:55pm-2:45pm (Zoom meeting ID 929 5706 8004, password Intro2020)

Our class sessions may be audio-visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voice recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials by students or any other party is prohibited.

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); and 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 45% (15% each) 9 quizzes 45% (5% each) Research Participation/Lecture Attendance 10% (choose one)

Exams

There will be 3 exams. Each exam counts towards 15% of your final grade. Honorlock will proctor your exams this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. You DO NOT need to create an account, download software or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7 and all that is needed is a computer, a working webcam, and a stable Internet connection. To get started, you will need Google Chrome and to download the Honorlock Chrome Extension. You can download the extension at www.honorlock.com/extension/install. When you are ready to test, log into Canvas, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking "Launch Proctoring" will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself, show your ID, and complete a scan of your room. Honorlock will be recording your exam session by webcam as well as recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device. 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).

Quizzes

There are 9 quizzes that you take on Canvas. Each quiz 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:

- 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 Mr. Dyer (wgdyer@ufl.edu). Proof of participation has to be submitted to Mr. Dyer by 11 December 5pm.
- 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 Mr. Dyer by 11 December 5pm.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance is mandatory for the lectures and TA sections. You are allowed to miss up to three 50-minute class periods (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-). Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx.

(Links to an external site.)

Extra Credit and Make-up Assignments

There is one extra credit opportunity in this class: you can complete the Kognito training to earn 3 extra points. This assignment is available on Canvas like all other assignments here: Assignments. If you have three or more excused absences, please contact Mr. Dyer 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/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies.

Classroom Etiquette

Please switch your cell phone to silent during class. Please make every effort to arrive to class on time. Being more than 10 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 (12th edition). PDF versions of the chapters are available on CANVAS on the Home page (just click on the respective chapter links). All other course materials are available on CANVAS or in class.

Student Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started (Links to an external site). 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 Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students (Links to an external site). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl (Links to an external site). Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results (Links to an external site).

University Honesty Policy

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 (https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/ (Links to an external site)) 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 or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/ or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

Federal laws protect your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. See https://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html (Links to an external site) for more information.

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: if you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit https://umatter.ufl.edu/ (Links to an external site.) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress

Counseling and Wellness Center: visit https://counseling.ufl.edu/ (Links to an external site.) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services

Student Health Care Center: call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit https://shcc.ufl.edu/ (Links to an external site.)

University Police Department: visit https://police.ufl.edu/ (Links to an external site.) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: for immediate medical care, call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; https://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center (Links to an external site.)

Campus Resources: Academic Resources

E-learning technical support: contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail (helpdesk@ufl.edu)

Career Connections Center: career assistance and counseling services https://career.ufl.edu/ (Links to an external site.), Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601 Library Support: https://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask (Links to an external site.) various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/ (Links to an external site.)

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/ (Links to an external site.)

Student Complaints On-Campus: https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-%20code-student-conduct-code/ (Links to an external site.)

On-Line Students Complaints: https://distance.ufl.edu/getting-help/student-complaint-process/