

LIN 3010: Introduction to Linguistics

Class Meetings

section	12DG (14994)	13F7 (14995)
day/period	MWF 3	MWF 5
final exam	12/17/20 @ 12:30pm-2:30pm	12/18/20 @ 12:30pm-2:30pm

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to linguistics, the scientific study of language. Throughout the semester, we will investigate both what language *is*, and how language *works*. In doing so, we will explore numerous linguistic branches, such as:

- Phonetics: The study of speech sounds (consonants, vowels, melodies, rhythms).
- Phonology: The study of sound interaction (rules governing mental representation of speech sounds).
- Morphology: The study of word formation (how meaningful units interact).
- Syntax: The study of sentence structure (how words are strung together to form sentences).
- Semantics: How expressions convey meaning.
- Pragmatics: How language is really used (meaning in context).

Beyond the above mentioned topics, we will also observe topics such as:

- Language Variation: The differences within a language and across languages.
- Language Contact: The result of two (or more) languages interacting (observing phenomena such as pidgins, creoles, borrowing, and language endangerment & death).
- Linguistic Anthropology: The interaction between language and culture.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, you will be capable of:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the core branches of linguistics.
- Use/understand basic linguistic terminology that describes various functions/behaviors of language.

Course Materials

The following textbook is required for the readings throughout the course:

Dawson, Hope, and Michael Phelan. 2016. *Language Files: Materials for an Introduction to Language & Linguistics*. Columbus: Ohio State University Press.

All other necessary course materials (syllabus, lectures/slides, homeworks, quizzes, exams) will be available on e-Learning via Canvas: <https://lss.at.ufl.edu>.

Online Course Resources

The entire course will take place online using e-Learning via Canvas. You are expected to watch all lectures, and read all lecture slides which are uploaded to Canvas. Failure to do so will result in you missing out on important information that is vital to your success in the course. Required discussions on Canvas will allow you to interact with myself and your classmates throughout the semester.

Course Requirements. The following will be the course workload for the semester:

Homework

There will be **seven homework assignments** throughout the semester, with the lowest score dropped. Homework assignments are to be submitted via Canvas on their respective due dates. Homeworks will be due on Fridays @ 11:59pm on Canvas. *Do not email me your homework*. Check the schedule below for due date details.

Class Discussions

There will be **five class discussions** throughout the semester. On Canvas under Discussions, I will post two to three discussion questions. You will be expected to respond to at least one discussion question, *and* to another student's response. Discussion questions will take place for a week.

Quizzes

There will be **six quizzes**, with the lowest score dropped. Quizzes will be on Friday's on Canvas under the *Quizzes* tab. Check the schedule below for which Friday's in particular. Quizzes will have a 30 minute time limit, and will close after 30 minutes. They will be due @ 11:59pm.

Exams

There will be **three exams** (two exams and a final exam) throughout the semester. Exams will be available on Canvas under *Files>Exams*. You will have all day, but plan for at least 1.5-2 hours to take the exam. Exams will be due on Fridays @ 11:59pm on Canvas. *Do not email me your exams*.

1-on-1 Meetings

There will be **two 1-on-1 meetings**. The purpose of these meetings (e.g. Zoom, Canvas Chat) is to discuss your progress through the class, and address any questions/concerns on course materials/grades that you have. Each meeting should only take 10 minutes. The first 1-on-1 meeting will take place during week 6; the second meeting will be during week 12. The day/times will be posted on Canvas.

Grading

Your overall grade will be determined as follows:

homeworks	30%	(5% each)	(lowest dropped out of 7)
quizzes	10%	(2% each)	(lowest dropped out of 6)
class discussions	10%	(2% each)	
exams	45%	(15% each)	
1-on-1 meetings	5%	(2.5% each)	

The following grading scale will be used to determine course grades:

		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		

The following website contains information on UF's current method for calculating GPAs: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

Missed/Late Work

Assignments submitted/mailed to me late work is not accepted except in the event of verifiable extenuating circumstances. An extenuating circumstance is an event beyond your control, such as an accident or emergent medical condition, where supporting documents will be required.

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://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conducthonor-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 or TAs in this class.

Counseling and Wellness Center

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Schedule

See the last page for the schedule of the entire semester. Don't forget about these important dates below.

Exam 1: *September 30th*
Exam 2: *November 13th*
Final Exam: *(see top of syllabus)*

First 1-on-1: *Week 6*
Second 1-on-1: *Week 12*

Schedule

wk	M	W	F	Topics	Lectures & Slides			Readings	Assignments & Due Dates	
					M	W	F			
1	8/31	9/2	9/4	Introduction	1.1	1.2-1.3	1.4	Files: 1.1; 1.2-1.3; 1.4		
2	9/7	9/9	9/11	Phonetics	—	2.1	2.2-2.3	Files: 2.1; 2.2-2.3	D1; H1	F; F
3	9/14	9/16	9/18	Phonetics & Phonology	2.4-2.5	3.2	3.3	Files: 2.4-2.5; 3.2; 3.3	Q1	F; F
4	9/21	9/23	9/25	Phonology	3.3-3.4	3.5	3.5	Files: 3.4; 3.5	D2; H2	F; F
5	9/28	9/30	10/2	Phonology	3.6	—	—	Files: 3.6	E1	W
6*	10/5	10/7	10/9	Morphology	4.1	4.2	4.2-4.3	Files: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3	Q2	F
7	10/12	10/14	10/16	Morphology	4.4-4.5	4.5	4.6	Files: 4.4-4.5; 4.6	D3; H3	F; F
8	10/19	10/21	10/23	Syntax	5.1	5.2	5.3	Files: 5.1; 5.2; 5.3	Q3; H4	F; F
9	10/26	10/28	10/30	Syntax	5.3-5.4	5.5	5.6	Files: 5.4; 5.5; 5.6	D4	F
10	11/2	11/4	11/6	Semantics	6.1-6.2	6.2	6.3	Files: 6.1-6.2; 6.3	Q4; H5	F; F
11	11/9	11/11	11/13	Semantics	6.3	6.4	—	Files: 6.4	E2	F
12*	11/16	11/18	11/20	Pragmatics	7.2	7.4	7.5	Files: 7.2; 7.4; 7.5	Q5; H6	F; F
13	11/23	11/25	11/27	Language Variation	10	—	—	Files: 10.1-10.3 & 10.5		
14	11/30	12/2	12/4	Language Contact	12.1-12.2	12.3-12.4	12.5-12.6	Files: 12.1-12.6	D5; H7	F; F
15	12/7	12/9	12/11	Language & Culture	11.1-11.3	—	—	Files: 11.1-11.3	Q6	M
16	12/14	12/16	12/18	Final Exams	—	—	—		FE	

D = discussion question
H = homework
Q = quiz
E = exam
FE = final exam

M = Monday
W = Wednesday
F = Friday

Files = Language Files textbook
wk* = week of 1-on-1 meeting

Days in red represent holidays, reading days or exam week.