
LING 390: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (FALL 2011) DAY SECTION

TTh 12:00-1:50 PM – Ondine 218

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Course Objectives: Following curricular goals of the Applied Linguistics department, Intro to Ling aims to achieve the following:

- The ability to begin to understand and use the technical vocabulary of the field of Linguistics.
- An introductory understanding of subfields of Linguistics and their relationship to each other.
- Basic skills for analyzing language data.

Text: O'Grady, W., Archibald, J., Aronoff, M., Rees-Miller, J. (2009). *Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction* (6th edition). Bedford/St. Martin's. ISBN: 0312555288

Course Requirements:

- Problem Sets (25% of total grade)
- Homework (25%)
- Midterm (25%)
- Final Exam (25%)

Problem sets (distributed online a week before they are due) and exams will be based on readings, lectures, and homework exercises. Homeworks (exercises from the book) will be assigned for each chapter and will be turned in and graded for completion, not correctness, *on the last day of the topic*. Homework will be gone over in class and should be completed by the first day of the topic for best results. Late problem sets will receive a 10% reduction. Problem Sets will **not be accepted** after the answers have been given out. Your grade will suffer if you do not turn in all of the problem sets/homework and do not attend class. Late homework will be accepted up until the test for that section (midterm/final) (only worth 50%) - they must be turned in by the last day of the topic for full credit. Lectures will be posted to website shortly before or after each class.

Info on H1N1 at PSU can be found here: <http://www.shac.pdx.edu/>. Attendance is not mandatory, but it is critical that you come to class as scheduled. To promote a healthy and safe environment, please do not come to class if you are feeling ill. Email me beforehand and we can make arrangements to deal with missing homeworks etc.

Students are expected to follow PSU's Code of Student Conduct and Responsibility, particularly §577-031-0135 and §577-031-0136, which can be found at <http://www.pdx.edu/dos/psu-student-code-conduct#code>. Violations of the code will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Student Life.

For info dealing with students who need extra help, please visit the Disability Resource Center at: <http://www.drc.pdx.edu/>

Students not in attendance on the 1st day of class will be dropped from the course.

Course calendar

Dates	Topic	Chapter	Homework
9/27	Introduction to Language; Movie: <i>American Tongues</i>	1	None
9/29, 10/4, 10/6, 10/11	Phonetics Ch 2 Exercises DUE 10/11; Problem Set #1 Due 10/13	2	Exx. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15
10/11, 10/13, 10/18, 10/20	Phonology Ch 3 Exercises DUE 10/20; Problem Set #2 DUE 10/25	3	Exx. 4, 5, 7
10/25, 10/27	Morphology Ch 4 Exercises DUE 10/27; Problem Set #3 DUE 11/1	4	Exx. 2, 4, 13, 14, 19, 20
11/1	Midterm		
11/3, 11/8, 11/10	Syntax Ch 5 Exercises DUE 11/10; Problem Set #4 DUE 11/15	5	Exx. 2, 3, 4, 9, & 11 (No trees)
11/15, 11/17	Semantics / Pragmatics Ch 6 Exercises DUE 11/17; Problem Set #5 DUE 11/22	6	Exx. 1, 2, 3, 12, 18
11/22*, 11/29, 12/1	Language in Social Contexts; Movie: <i>Do You Speak American</i> ; Ch 14 Exercises DUE 12/1	14	Exx. 2, 7
Final Exam: Thursday, December 8, 10:15-12:05		*(No class Th 11/24 Thanksgiving break)	
