
LING 390: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (SUMMER 2011)

TTh 9:15-11:35 – FAB 40-08

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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.

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.

Attendance is mandatory, but 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
6/21	Introduction to Language; Movie: <i>American Tongues</i>	1	None
6/21, 6/23, 6/28, 6/30	Phonetics Ch 2 Exercises DUE 6/30; Problem Set #1 Due 7/5	2	Exx. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15
6/30, 7/5, 7/7, 7/12	Phonology Ch 3 Exercises DUE 7/12; Problem Set #2 DUE 7/14	3	Exx. 4, 5, 7
7/14, 7/19	Morphology Ch 4 Exercises DUE 7/19; Problem Set #3 DUE 7/21	4	Exx. 2, 4, 13, 14, 19, 20
7/21	Midterm		
7/21, 7/26 7/28	Syntax Ch 5 Exercises DUE 7/28; Problem Set #4 DUE 8/2	5	Exx. 2, 3, 4, 9, & 11 (No trees)
8/2, 8/4?	Semantics / Pragmatics Ch 6 Exercises DUE 8/4; Problem Set #5 DUE 8/9	6	Exx. 1, 2, 3, 12, 18
8/4, 8/9	Language in Social Contexts; Movie: <i>Do You Speak American</i> ; Ch 14 Exercises DUE 8/9	14	Exx. 2, 7

Final Exam: Friday, August 12, 10:30-12:50
