

Linguistics 100, Spring 2016: Introduction to Linguistic Science
MWF 10-11 am, 145 Dwinelle

Course description:

This course is an introduction to the scientific study of language. By the end of the course, you will have the skills and knowledge that are required for upper-division Linguistics courses and useful for research on language in Linguistics and neighboring disciplines, such as Cognitive Science and the Psychology of Language.

Prerequisites: None.

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Course Format:

Three hours of lecture and discussion with the instructor, 1 hour of discussion section with a Graduate Student Instructor.

Discussion sections do not meet during the first week of classes.

Instructor drop policy: There is a waiting list for the course. Be advised that you will be dropped from the class if you miss a class during the first two weeks of instruction or if you fail to attend a section meeting once sections start. Contact the instructor if there is a reason beyond your control forcing you to miss class or section during the first two weeks of instruction. At the end of the second week of classes, I will enroll as many people as possible from the waiting list, dropping students who missed class or section. Enrollment from the waiting list may depend on year and intended major, as well as on position on the list.

Final exam: TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 3-6P

Grading:

In-class quizzes, 1% each	12 %
Seven homework assignments, 6 % each	42 %
Section participation	10 %
Two midterm exams, 8 % each	16 %
Final exam	20 %

Required textbook: Genetti, Carol (Ed.). 2014. *How Languages Work*. Cambridge University Press.

Exam make-up policy: If you miss a midterm due to a documented emergency or illness, we will replace the missing score with your final exam percentage score. If at all possible, let the instructor know before the exam if you need to miss an exam.

Homework assignments will be due at the beginning of class on Fridays. Assignments turned in late will not receive full credit: 1 point off if we get your homework on Friday after the beginning of class, 2 points if we get it by the beginning of class on Monday. After the beginning of class on Monday, assignments that were due the previous Friday will not be graded and will not receive credit, except in documented emergencies.

Office hours: The first hour of Professor Gahl's office hours, as well as all GSI office hours work like carpool lanes: Priority will be given to groups of two or more people who know ahead of time that they have the same question. Forming study groups will enable you to use the "diamond lane".

Attendance: The instructor and GSIs will (usually) track attendance and take your attendance record into account determining your participation grades: You can't participate if you're not there! That said, we realize that people sometimes need to miss important events. If you must miss a class or section, it is your responsibility to find out from a classmate what was covered. While the instructor and GSIs are happy to answer specific questions about the material, we are unable to answer queries along the lines of "Can you tell me what you covered last Wednesday". We recommend you learn the names and contact information of at least two people in the course as early as you can, so that you can help each other out as necessary.

Laptop and tablet policy: The use of laptops and tablets during class creates serious distractions, both for laptop users and for others around them. Therefore: **Laptops off during class**, unless you are an official note-taker hired by the DSP or need to use a laptop for disability-related reasons as stated in an accommodation letter from the DSP. Email the instructor if either of these reasons applies to you.

DSP: If you need accommodations for a disability of any kind, be sure to get in touch with the DSP if you haven't done so already. If you have an accommodation letter, I have probably seen it, but would appreciate your dropping me an email and asking me to make sure.

bCourses: Assignments and announcements will be posted to bCourses. You are responsible for making sure that you are enrolled (or waitlisted) with your berkeley.edu address. Using any other type of address may prevent you from getting credit for your homework assignments and exams.

Plagiarism and academic dishonesty: I encourage you to collaborate on homework assignments with other students. You must write up your work by yourself, and you must identify all of your collaborators and all of your sources. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism.

General advice on how to succeed in college:

<http://webhost.bridgew.edu/jhayesboh/NOT13TH/not13th.htm>

To help a friend in crisis: <http://uhs.berkeley.edu/students/counseling/cps.shtml>

There is a campus resource called Counseling and Psychological Services – and for good reason! College can itself be stressful and can exacerbate the stress associated with other life events.

For individual counseling about personal, academic, and career concerns, go to the 3rd floor of the Tang Center, or call 642-9494 to schedule an appointment. After hours, call the After Hours Assistance Line at (510) 643-7197 and ask to speak with a counselor. Counselors are available whenever Counseling and Psychological Services (“CPS”) is closed.

Week-by-week plan: The week-by-week plan appears on the next page. I reserve the right to make changes to the plan if the need arises.

Week	Dates	Readings	Due dates
1	W Jan 20 F Jan 22	Genetti Chapter 1: Introduction (Genetti)	
2	M Jan 25 W Jan 27 F Jan 29	Genetti Chapter 2: Phonetics (Gordon)	Hwk 1 due Jan 29
3	M Feb 1 W Feb 3 F Feb 5	Genetti Chapter 3: Phonology (Gordon)	Hwk 2 due Feb 5
4	M Feb 8 W Feb 10 F Feb 12	Genetti Language Profile 1: Karbadian	Friday, Feb 12: Midterm 1
5	M (no class) W Feb 17 F Feb 19	Genetti Chapter 4: Morphology (Mithun), p. 71-83.	
6	M Feb 22 W Feb 24 F Feb 26	Finish reading Genetti Chapter 4	Hwk 3 due Feb 26
7	M Feb 29 (!) W Mar 2 F Mar 4	Genetti Chapter 5: Word classes (Genetti)	Hwk 4 due Mar 4
8	M Mar 7 W Mar 9 F Mar 11	Genetti Chapter 6: Syntax (Genetti)	
9	M Mar 14 W Mar 16 F Mar 18	(No new readings)	Hwk 5 due Mar 18
10	M Mar 28 W Mar 30 F Apr 1	Genetti Chapter 7: Semantics (Israel)	Hwk 6 due Apr 1 (honest!)
11	M Apr 4 W Apr 6 F Apr 8	Genetti Chapter 8: Pragmatics (Ariel)	Friday, Apr 8: Midterm 2
12	M Apr 11 W Apr 13 F Apr 15	Genetti Chapter 11: Language in the social world (Bucholtz)	
13	M Apr 18 W Apr 20 F Apr 22	Genetti Chapter 12: Language change (Mithun)	Hwk 7 due Apr 22
14	M Apr 25 W Apr 27 F Apr 29	(No new readings)	