

LING 201: Introduction to Linguistics

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Course content

This course is an introduction to linguistic theory and analysis. Topics covered include phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. The goal is to familiarize students with current tools of linguistic analysis. Students will be required to display an understanding of these tools by applying them to data from different languages. The main component of evaluation will be linguistic problem solving through assignments, quizzes and exams.

Evaluation

4 homework assignments	20% (5% each)
6 online quizzes	10% (~1.66% each)
1 midterm exam	30%
1 final exam	40%

Readings

Coursepack (available at McGill bookstore and on reserve at Redpath Library), contains:

- Steven Pinker *The language instinct*, chs 1,2
- William O'Grady *Contemporary linguistic analysis: An introduction*, chs 1,2,3,4,5
- John Saeed *Semantics*, chs 1,4,7.7

Course Rules and Procedures

Conferences

Starting in Week 3, Friday sessions will be held as conferences run by a TA. Conferences will be held at different times on Fridays as follows:

1. Fri. 8:35-9:25 Hye-young Bang (PE1085 002)
2. Fri. 8:35-9:25 Henrison Hsieh/Liz Smeets (TBA)
3. Fri. 9:35-10:25 Hye-young Bang (TBA)
4. Fri. 9:35-10:25 Henrison Hsieh/Liz Smeets (TBA)
5. Fri. 9:35-10:25 Sepideh Mortazavinia (PE1085 002)
6. Fri. 12:35-13:25 Sepideh Mortazavinia (PE1085 002)

To determine which conference you will attend, you must sign up on Minerva. Sign up will be available after the first class. Once you have signed up for one section, you cannot switch to another. An effort will be made to divide the students evenly between sections. This means that once a section has a certain number of students, no more students will be accepted into that section.

You are responsible for the material covered in conferences just as you are responsible for the material covered in lectures. If for some reason you cannot attend a conference or lecture, you should make sure that you get the relevant notes from a classmate.

Office hours and appointments

TA office hours will be held regularly before assignments and midterms. The TAs will take turns covering the office hours so you will have a chance to meet with different TAs. Outside of office hours, students are encouraged to send content-related questions by e-mail to their TA. If you wish to meet with TAs or professors outside of scheduled office hours, you can ask for individual appointments and generally these can be arranged within one week of the request.

Tutors

If you feel that you need more individual attention, we encourage you to contact either the Student Tutorial Service (398-6011) or SLUM (the undergraduate linguistics student association: slum.linguistics@mail.mcgill.ca). Of course, it is understood that tutors help with the content of the course but do not help directly with assignments. Make sure that your tutor knows what is being covered in the course this term since the content can change from term to term.

Email

You can expect TAs and professors to respond to your e-mail questions and comments. However, please do not expect instant responses. We will try to respond within two working days (though we will be more vigilant closer to assignment due dates and exam times). Students often find that the discussions on the MyCourses website helpful.

Homework assignments

Assignments may be done alone or in groups. A group may contain a maximum of three students and all group members must be from the same conference. A group may hand in a **single assignment**

with all group members' names and student numbers on it – all group members will receive the same grade for the assignment. You are **not required** to work in a group – you may hand in an assignment alone if you wish.

Quizzes

There will be 6 online quizzes, which will be available on myCourses.

Midterm exam

The midterm exam is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Oct. 16th from 18:05 to 19:55. It will take place in STBIO S1/3 and N2/2. A make-up midterm will be arranged only for students who have a conflict with the midterm as scheduled. To be eligible, students must be registered in a conflicting course with a higher priority than LING 201. (LING 201 is Priority #4, behind #1 BIOL 215; #2 PHYS 101; #3 CHEM 367.) **Students who qualify must let Peter Milne know in writing no later than Tuesday, September 23rd, one week after the add/drop deadline.**

Rules regarding assignments, quizzes and exams

No make-up assignments, quizzes or midterm exam will be given to anyone who does not have a certified medical excuse. We must be notified within 24 hours of a missed assignment, quiz or midterm exam. You may leave messages at (514) 398-4222, even on weekends. According to Senate regulations, instructors are not permitted to make special arrangements for final exams. Please consult the Calendar, section 3.7, General University Information and Regulations. (See <http://www.mcgill.ca/student-records/exam/regulations> for more information on final and deferred exams.)

Any problem with grading on an assignment/quiz/exam must be reported within one week of when the assignment, quiz, or exam was returned. No answer to any graded assignment, quiz or exam question will be re-assessed unless the answer was originally written in ink and it has not been written over.

We recommend that you always keep a copy of your finished assignment in case the assignment is accidentally lost.

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LING 201 Fall 2014 Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture	Topic	Reading	Assignments	
1	Tue, Sep 2, 2014	00 - Intro to course	Intro	Pinker Chs1,2	Register for conf.	
	Thu, Sep 4, 2014	00 - Intro to course	Intro	O'G&A Ch 1		
	Fri, Sep 5, 2014	01 - Intro & Articulation	Phonetics	O'G&A Ch 2		
Tue, Sep 9, 2014	02 - Place and Manner					
Thu, Sep 11, 2014	03 - Consonants					
2	Fri, Sep 12, 2014	04 - Vowels			Quiz #1	
	Tue, Sep 16, 2014	05 - Representations	Phonology	O'G&A Ch 3		
Thu, Sep 18, 2014	06 - Features					
3	Fri, Sep 19, 2014	Conference 1				HW1 due
	Tue, Sep 23, 2014	07 - Derivations	Phonology			
	Thu, Sep 25, 2014	08 - Syllables				
Fri, Sep 26, 2014	Conference 2			Quiz #2		
5	Tue, Sep 30, 2014	09 - Role of Morphology	Morphology	O'G&A Ch 4		
	Thu, Oct 2, 2014	10 - Building Words				
	Fri, Oct 3, 2014	Conference 3				HW2 due
6	Tue, Oct 7, 2014	11 - Word Forms	Morphology			
	Thu, Oct 9, 2014	12 - Inflection				
	Fri, Oct 10, 2014	Conference 4				Quiz #3
7	Tue, Oct 14, 2014	Review and/or make-up				
	Thu, Oct 16, 2014	Review and/or make-up				
	Thu, Oct 16, 2014	Midterm Exam 18:05 - 19:55 STBIO S1/3; N2/2				
	Fri, Oct 17, 2014	Conference 5				
8	Tue, Oct 21, 2014	01 - Words & Phrases	Syntax	O'G&A Ch 5 (skip 5.5)		
	Thu, Oct 23, 2014	02 - NP structure				
	Fri, Oct 24, 2014	Conference 6				
9	Tue, Oct 28, 2014	03- X-bar schema	Syntax			
	Thu, Oct 30, 2014	04 - Structural positions				
	Fri, Oct 31, 2014	Conference 7				Quiz #4
10	Tue, Nov 4, 2014	05 - Movement	Syntax			
	Thu, Nov 6, 2014	06 - Language variation				
	Fri, Nov 7, 2014	Conference 8				HW3 due
11	Tue, Nov 11, 2014	07 - Semantic knowledge	Semantics & Pragmatics	Saeed Ch1		
	Thu, Nov 13, 2014	08- Meaning composition				
	Fri, Nov 14, 2014	Conference 9				Quiz #5
12	Tue, Nov 18, 2014	09 - Connectives	Semantics & Pragmatics	Saeed Ch4		
	Thu, Nov 20, 2014	10 - Semantic relations				
	Fri, Nov 21, 2014	Conference 10				HW4 due
13	Tue, Nov 25, 2014	11 - Semantic relations	Semantics & Pragmatics	Saeed Ch7.7		
	Thu, Nov 27, 2014	12 - Gricean Maxims				
	Fri, Nov 28, 2014	Conference 11				Quiz #6