

LING-202: Science of Language

Syllabus for 2016 Winter

1 General Information

LECTURE: MTWRF 10:00 – 11:45am Purnell Hall 227

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OFFICE HOURS: Week 1: TR 3-4pm
Weeks 2-4: MWR 3-4pm
Other times by appointment

2 Course Description

LING 202 is an extension of LING 101 and serves as an introduction to the background and application of linguistic theory. The focus is on formal, scientific aspects of linguistics, specifically articulatory phonetics and the IPA transcription system, phonology, morphology and syntax. The course examines linguistic phenomena in English as well as other languages. For those students interested in the Cognitive Science or Linguistics Majors, LING 202 is the next step towards the upper level courses in the Linguistics department.

3 Course Materials

Introduction to Linguistics by Bruce Hayes – a draft textbook:

<http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/people/hayes/20/Text/HayesIntroductoryLinguistics2010.pdf>

Other materials will be posted on Sakai (<https://sakai.udel.edu/portal>).

4 Policies

4.1 Readings and Attendance

- Readings serve as supplementary material to the lectures. They should be done as class goes.
- Good participation in class includes regular attendance, asking questions and participating in discussions in class, and coming to office hours if needed.

- Make-up quizzes and exams are given for excused absence only. You have to notify me about your absence **before** the class you are missing.

4.2 Homework

- Homework assignments will be collected in the beginning of class on the day they are due.
- Late homework assignments are **not** accepted
- Homework assignments can be submitted by e-mail or hard copy (pdf).
- If you choose to e-mail your homework assignment, use the following format for the e-mail subject line: **LING101-Homework[NUMBER]-[LAST_NAME]**. For example, *LING101-Homework1-Vu*. I cannot guarantee seeing homework assignments sent with a subject line in a different format.
- If you choose to submit the homework assignment in hard copy early, put them in my box at the Linguistics Department at 125 E Main Street.
- If you miss time due to an excused absence, contact me early to make arrangements, and expect to have to document that the absence is excused (at Undergraduate Academic Services, 109 Mitchell Hall, <http://www.cas.udel.edu/uas/>).

4.3 Academic Integrity

- Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment or test in question, and possibly a failing grade for the course.
- If you are not sure what plagiarism is, refer to the Academic Code of Conduct: <http://www.udel.edu/stuguide/1314/code.html#honesty>

4.4 Use of Electronic Devices

- You are welcome to use laptops or tablets for **note taking only**.
- All electronic devices must be silenced.
- No cell phones are to be used in class.
- No electronic devices may be used (or even visible) during quizzes and exams.
- Please be courteous to your fellow students: do not walk in and out of the classroom unless absolutely necessary, consume food and beverages discretely, do not carry on side conversations, etc.

4.5 Academic Accommodations

- Students with documented disabilities receiving services this semester should talk to me in person so we can discuss your needs.

5 Grading

Homework: 8 assignments, each worth 5%	40%
Exam 1: in class	20%
Exam 2: in class	20%
Exam 3: in class	20%

93–100%	A	74–76%	C
90–92%	A–	70–73%	C–
87–89%	B+	67–79%	D+
84–86%	B	64–66%	D
80–83%	B–	60–63%	D–
77–79%	C+	0–59%	F

- Grades can only be discussed in person due to privacy laws (they cannot be discussed on the phone or via e-mail).
- Grades will be posted to Sakai. At any given time grades might not be completely accurate, as extra credit is added in the end.
- Extra credit opportunities will be available in homework assignments and exams.

6 Schedule

Schedule is tentative and will be updated during the course. Check Sakai for all updates.

Dates	Topic	Reading	Assignment
01/11	Introduction, Phonetics	Ch. 3, Ch. 10: 1-3, 8-10	
01/12	Broad Transcription	Ch. 10: 5-7	
01/13	Narrow Transcription, Features	Ch. 10: 4, 11-13	HW1 due
01/14	Distinctive Features		
01/15	Syllables, Phonological Analysis	Ch. 11: 1-6, 9-10	HW2 due
01/18	<i>No Class, Martin Luther King Day</i>		
01/19	Phonological Analysis		HW3 due
01/20	Rules	Ch. 11: 7-8, Ch. 12: 9	
01/21	Rule ordering, Review	Ch. 12: 7, 10	HW4 due
01/22	Exam 1: Phonetics and Phonology		
01/25	<i>No Class, Snow Day</i>	Ch. 2: 5-6, 18-22; Ch. 4: 2	
01/26	Morphology, Word Formation	Ch. 2: 15-16, 24	
01/27	Data Analysis, Morphophonology	Ch. 2: 7-11, Ch. 12: 4-6	HW5 due
01/28	Typology, Review	Ch. 2: 17	
01/29	Exam 2: Morphology		HW6 due
02/01	Syntax, Constituency		
02/02	Trees, Ambiguity		HW7 due
02/03	Trees, Movement		
02/04	Typology, Review		HW8 due
02/05	Exam 3: Syntax		