

## Linguistics 210: Introduction to Linguistics

Tentative schedule of topics and reading assignments. Watch Blackboard for updates.

### January 19, 21: The scientific study of language

The nature of Language (distinct from the study of individual languages)  
Linguistic competence vs. linguistic performance  
Descriptive vs. prescriptive grammars  
Universal Grammar. Innateness of language.

*Readings: CL: Chapter 1*

### January 26, 28, Feb. 2, 4: Phonetics.

Speech production. Anatomy & articulators. Classes of sounds.

*Readings: CL Ch. 2, sections 1-6 and 10*

The International Phonetic Alphabet. Transcription. IPA bingo.

*Readings: CL Ch. 2, sections 7-8*

And for pronunciation and transcription of the Int'l Phonetic Alphabet:

[https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/IPAcharts/inter\\_chart\\_2018/IPA\\_2018.html](https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/IPAcharts/inter_chart_2018/IPA_2018.html)

Articulatory processes

*Readings: CL, Ch. 2, section 9*

### February 9, 11, 16, 18: Phonology.

Phonemes and allophones

*Readings: CL: Chapter 3, sections 1-3*

Phonological processes. Phonological rules. Phonological analysis.

*Readings: CL Ch. 3, sections 4-6*

<b>February 23: First Exam</b>
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### February 25, March 2, 4, 9: Morphology

The structure of words.  
Inflectional and derivational morphology.  
Compounding. Other morphological processes

*Readings: CL: Chapter 4, sections 1-5*

Morphophonemics

*Readings: CL: Chapter 4, section 6*

**March 11, 15, 18: Syntax (Part I)**

Sentence structure.    Constituency.  
Phrase structure and X'-theory.

*Readings:*    *CL: Chapter 5, sections 1 and 2*

The use of modifiers.

*Readings:*    *CL: Chapter 5, section 5.2*

<b>March 25:</b> <b><i>Second Exam</i></b>
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**March 30, April 1: Syntax (Part II)**

Transformations

*Readings:*    *CL: Chapter 5, section 3, 4, and 5.1*

**April 6, 8, 13, 15: Semantics**

Semantics: the study of meaning

Pragmatics: meaning in context

Forensics: application of linguistics in the courtroom

*Readings:*    *CL: Chapter 6, sections 1, 2.1-2.2, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.2 and 4.4.*

**April 20, 27: First Language Acquisition**

Guest speaker: Prof. Elaine Andersen, Emerita of Psychology & Linguistics

First language acquisition

Babbling. Early phonetic processes.

Vocabulary development.

*Readings:*    *CL: Chapter 9, sections 1, 2, 4, and 6.5.*

**April 29: Course review and concluding remarks**

<b>May 11 (11 a.m.) <i>Third exam</i> (not cumulative)</b>
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