

Syllabus

GPTS510000

INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS: ADVANCED-LEVEL

First Semester, School Year 96

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course offers an introduction to the methods that linguists use for describing languages. It covers major areas of linguistic analysis: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, historical linguistics, etc.

The overall goals are:

- (i) to develop the skills necessary to analyze the structure of language, and
- (ii) to provide a general training in analytic thought.

By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- (i) recognize the diversity of language systems and their fundamental similarities;
- (ii) understand and use the basic terminology of linguistic subfields, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and historical linguistics;
- (iii) use linguistic analysis to investigate the organizing principles of languages.

TEACHING METHODS:

This course covers major areas of linguistics through a series of readings, lectures, discussions, and ‘hands-on’ experience with linguistic analysis. Students are expected to participate in group discussions and take turns in presenting their solutions to practice exercises in class.

GRADING POLICY:

- The course grade is based entirely on how well the following requirements are fulfilled; NO second chance or alternative work can be given.

TIMELY completion of homework assignments	20%
Participation	10%
Examinations	40% (20% for each examination)
Research Paper (7-15 pages)	30%

- Late homework will be accepted ONLY in DOCUMENTED cases of illness or crisis.
- Make-up exams will be given and deadlines extended ONLY in DOCUMENTED cases of illness or crisis.
- Students are responsible for material and information covered in classes that they miss.

REQUIRED READING:

O'Grady, William D., and John Archibald, eds. 2004. *Contemporary linguistic analysis: An introduction* (5th edition). Toronto: Pearson Longman. (ISBN: 0-321-15394-4).

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TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/Activity</u>
Week 1	09/12/2007	Orientation
Week 2	09/19/2007	Language: A Preview; Phonetics-I (Sections 2.1-2.4)
Week 3	09/26/2007	Phonetics-II (Sections 2.5-2.10)
Week 4	10/03/2007	Phonology-I (Sections 3.1-3.3)
Week 5	10/10/2007	Holiday: National Day
Week 6	10/17/2007	Phonology-II (Sections 3.4-3.6)
Week 7	10/24/2007	Exam-I; Morphology-I (Sections 4.1-4.2)
Week 8	10/31/2007	Morphology-II (Sections 4.3-4.6)
Week 9	11/07/2007	Syntax-I (Sections 5.1-5.2)
Week 10	11/14/2007	No Class (intramural sports event)
Week 11	11/21/2007	Syntax-II (Sections 5.3-5.5)
Week 12	11/28/2007	Exam-II; Semantics-I (Sections 6.1-6.2)
Week 13	12/05/2007	Semantics-II; Project Description due
Week 14	12/12/2007	Linguistic Typology (Chapter 8: 8.1-8.2)
Week 15	12/19/2007	Historical Linguistics-I (Sections 7.1-7.4)
Week 16	12/26/2007	Historical Linguistics-II (Sections 7.5-7.8)
Week 17	01/02/2008	Presentation
Week 18	01/09/2008	Research Paper due