

Introduction to Linguistics

BBN-ANG11-132

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When & where:

group d Wednesday 09:30–11:00, R326, DELG

group e Wednesday 11:00–12:30, R326, DELG

1 Overview

The main goal of the course is to show how different yet very similar natural languages are and how beautiful linguistics is. The course covers such areas of linguistics as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, and language variation. We will also talk about the history of language studies and about different ways to approach language data.

Although we will mostly focus on data from English, we will also discuss various linguistic phenomena from the typological perspective (i.e. in other languages).

2 Schedule

This is a **preliminary** schedule of the course. Changes to it will be announced in class in advance.

For each class there is a handout. See below for optional readings.

Date	Topic
14/02	Overview. The study of language
21/02	Overview. Areas of linguistics
28/02	Morphology. Words and morphemes
06/03	Morphology. Morphological rules
13/03	Phonology. Phones and phonemes
20/03	Phonology. Phonological rules (HA1 handed)
27/03	Spring break (no class)
03/04	Syntax overview. Part I
10/04	Syntax overview. Part II (HA2 handed)
17/04	Semantics
24/04	Pragmatics (HA3 handed)
01/05	National holiday (no class)
08/05	Variation
15/05	Final in-class test

3 Requirements

One **final in-class** written exam for a grade.

The exam will consist of the tasks very similar to those in the non-grade home assignments. Those who do not write the final exam will not pass the course.

During the semester, you will receive **three** home assignments (practical exercises). They are **not** for a grade, but those who do not submit them in time will **not** be allowed to write the final exam. For every non-grade home assignment I will upload the answers and we can then discuss your questions.

Attendance: No more than three absences will be tolerated. If you need to skip more than three classes, notify me about this via email.

4 Readings

The required material is summarized in handouts; however, you are recommended to read the corresponding chapters in the following books.

- Fasold, Ralph & Jeff Connor-Linton (eds). 2013. *An Introduction to Language and Linguistics*. Cambridge University Press.
- Fromkin, Victoria, Robert Rodman & Nina Hyams. 2014. *An Introduction to Language*. 10th edition, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

Additional:

You are recommended to read this wonderful book by Mark C. Baker – *The atoms of language: The mind's hidden rules of grammar*.

You can also find a list of other non-fiction books about languages and linguistics that are very interesting and easy to read on my page:

<http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/BurukinaIrina/index.html>

In addition to this, some handouts will contain recommendations on useful articles and videos.

The **course materials** will be uploaded to the website:

<http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/BurukinaIrina/index.html>

5 Other

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