

Introduction to Linguistics

Spring 2023

Code

BBN-ANG11-132/i, BBN-ANG11-132/j

Time and place

i: Wed 15:30–17:00, R442; j: Wed 17:15–18:45, R327

Value, type

3-credit seminar

Host

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Course description

In this course, you will get acquainted with the most important characteristics of human language and the basics of its scientific study, learning about phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, lexicology, language variation and language change.

Course material

The syllabus, the course materials, the home assignments and the results will be made available on the platform of the course (in the Microsoft Teams group), where announcements will also be posted, so it is your responsibility to check it for updates on a regular basis.

Readings

The main textbook of the seminar will be

- Varga, László. 2010. Introduction to English Linguistics. A Companion to the Seminar (Revised and Abridged). Budapest: Eötvös Loránd University.
Available at <http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/VargaLaszlo/ICEL-2010.pdf>.

The following book (available in Hungarian) is also recommended:

- Kenesei, István (ed.). 2011. A nyelv és a nyelvek. 6th revised and enlarged edition. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó.

Besides, there will be readings from other works too, which I will upload to the platform of the course.

Assessment

You will be expected to read the obligatory readings, to do the weekly assignments and encouraged to actively participate in the class work. There will be a short five-minute quiz at the beginning of every class. Assessment will be based on the results of the quizzes (the worst three will not be considered), which can be substantially modified by your in-class participation.

Grading policy: 0–59.99% → 1; 60–69.99% → 2; 70–79.99% → 3; 80–89.99% → 4; 90–100% → 5

Attendance

Regular attendance is necessary; a maximum of three absences can be tolerated.

*Syllabus**

<i>Feb. 22</i>	<i>No class (spring break)</i>
<i>Mar. 1</i>	Introduction 1. Language and linguistics (1)
<i>Mar. 8</i>	2. Language and linguistics (2)
<i>Mar. 15</i>	3. Phonetics
<i>Mar. 22</i>	4. Phonology (1)
<i>Mar. 29</i>	5. Phonology (2)
<i>Apr. 5</i>	6. Morphology
<i>Apr. 12</i>	7. Syntax (1)
<i>Apr. 19</i>	8. Syntax (2)
<i>Apr. 26</i>	9. Semantics
<i>May 3</i>	10. Pragmatics
<i>May 10</i>	11. Lexicology
<i>May 17</i>	12. Language variation
<i>May 24</i>	13. Language change – revision

* The syllabus is subject to change; please check it regularly for updates.