

# Linguistic Theory

## Course Basics

- You can find all the information about the course at:
- <http://seas.elte.hu/w/!lingtheo/start>

# Schedule

**Mark Newson:** *Introduction: notes and advice for the course*

**Marcel den Dikken:** *The History of Linguistics as a Field*

**Mark Newson:** *The history of phrase structure as a linguistic notion*

**Starcevic Attila:** *Data and Historical Linguistics*

**Szigetvári Péter:** *The Fortis Fallacy*

**Törkenczy Miklós:** *Morphology and morphophonology — (phonological) relations between word forms*

**G. Kiss Zoltán:** *An overview of English prosody: how different is it from Hungarian?*

**Irine Burukina:** *Typological studies with passive/antipassive as an example*

**Ekatarina Georgieva:** *Clause structure and negation in Uralic languages*

**Nathan Torres:** *A Typological Comparison of NP versus DP Languages*

## Course Material

- The material for each lecture can be found on the schedule page of the web site
  - Lectures: videos (with or without slides)
  - Slides
  - Notes (Detailed writeup of the content of the course subject)
  - Literature (recommended readings)
- Click on the link under
- each lecture to download the material.
- You can access and study the course material at any time during the semester
  - We advise you to do it in the order on the schedule
  - Take your time – don't binge read at the end of the semester as this is not an efficient way to learn

## Exam

- 9 questions in all
  - Three sections:
    - Preliminaries (four questions);
    - Phonology and Morphology (three questions);
    - Syntax (three questions)
  - Questions are ‘essay’ based (not multiple choice)
  - You must answer ONE question from each section.
    - A total of three answers
    - A second answer for a section will be ignored
- 2 hours to write 3 answers
  - About 40 minutes per answer (not a lot of time!)
  - Expectations are proportionate – we don’t expect the same kind of essay that you would produce as a home assignment
  - Essays should be concise and to the point – don’t elaborate with long introductions and summaries

## Exam

- How to write the exam
  - Spend some time selecting the three questions you feel you can answer best
  - Plan your answer
  - ANSWER THE QUESTION – don't just regurgitate the material you have read as not all of it will be relevant
  - Include the most relevant material first (in case you run out of time)
  - Attempt an answer to all three questions (see marking below)
- Marking
  - You must pass (with a '2' or above) at least two questions.
  - If you don't write an answer for a section you get 0 for that section.
  - Your final mark is an average of you marks for each section.
    - 2;1;0 = fail (didn't pass 2 questions)
    - 2;1;1 = fail (didn't pass 2 questions)
    - 2;2;0 = fail ( $4/3 = 1.3 = 1$ )
    - 2;2;1 = 2 ( $5/3 = 1.6 = 2$ )