

## Ling 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory

Summer 2008, Section B1

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<b>Time:</b>	10:10am-12:00pm, M T W Th
<b>Place:</b>	Scott Hall 216, College Avenue Campus
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://sakai.rutgers.edu">http://sakai.rutgers.edu</a> (01:615:201:B1 Sum08)
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### Course Description:

What constitutes knowledge of language? How is this knowledge acquired and put to use? The discipline of Linguistics aims to answer these questions and others concerning the different aspects of human language. This course will introduce the fundamentals of contemporary linguistic theory, which aims at an explanation of the nature and structure of all human languages. In this course, we will look at the major linguistic subfields of Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Phonetics, and Phonology along with Language Acquisition, as it is related to the above topics.

This class is a requirement for Linguistics majors and minors and is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400- level Linguistics courses. In addition, this is a class that satisfies a number of degree requirements, including the Quantitative Reasoning requirement for The School of Arts and Sciences. If you aren't sure whether or not,

### Textbook:

*Linguistics: An Introduction to Linguistic Theory* edited by Victoria A. Fromkin

- This textbook is available at the New Jersey Books (108 Somerset, New Brunswick; <http://newbrunswick.njbooks.com/>) and on Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com/>).

### Website:

There is a Sakai site for this course, which you should check regularly: <http://sakai.rutgers.edu> (01:615:201:B1 Sum08). Please let me know if you need instructions on how to access the Sakai site, or if you have any trouble accessing it.

I will post the syllabus, homework assignments, and other announcements on the website. The chat room and discussion board can be used to post questions about the readings or assignments.

### Grading:

The course grade is based out of 500 possible points.

- **45%:** 3 Exams (75 points each)
- **40%:** 10 Short Homework Assignments (20 points each)
- **15%:** 15 In-Class Exercises (5 points each)

- We will randomly do in-class group exercises, which are worth 5 points each. If you are not in class on the day of an exercise, you will lose these points. In-Class Exercises cannot be made up. To excuse such an absence, you are required to get a Dean's note, as per the university-wide policy.

Final letter grades will be assigned based on the number of points earned out of 500, according to the following scale:

Point Range	Letter Grade	Corresponding Percentage
450 – 500	A	$\geq 90\%$
425 – 449	B+	85 – 89%
400 – 424	B	80 – 84%
375 – 399	C+	75 – 79%
350 – 374	C	70 – 74%
300 – 349	D	60 – 69%
<300	F	$\leq 59\%$

### Extra Credit:

You may complete up to 20 points of extra credit. Extra credit assignments are short research projects worth up to 5 points each. Please see me for a list of potential projects.

### Homework:

Homework assignments will be posted on the website before class on Mondays and Thursdays. Assignments given out on Monday are due by class the following Thursday and assignments given out on Thursday are due by class on the following Monday. You are free to discuss your homework with your fellow students. In particular, you can use the Sakai chat room to discuss any difficulties or puzzles you may encounter while doing your homework. However, assignments must be completed individually: do not copy answers or allow others to copy from you. Such violations of the University's Academic Integrity Policy will be reported.

Each assignment is worth 20 points. Partial credit is given. As for **late homework**, here is the official policy.

### Late Homework Policy:

- Homework is due during class on the due date
- Homework turned in after class will be penalized 5 points per day
- With a dean's note, you can turn in homework late without being penalized

### Exams:

- There are three short exams, each worth 75 points.
- If you miss an exam you will need a Dean's note to make it up. This is Rutgers policy.

### Academic Integrity:

- Cheating will be reported to the Dean, according to Rutgers Policy. So, don't cheat.

- Always acknowledge the source of the material you use, whether it is the textbook, the web, other books, other students, etc.  
(Citation guide [http://wp.rutgers.edu/courses/101/proofreading/media/citation\\_guide.pdf](http://wp.rutgers.edu/courses/101/proofreading/media/citation_guide.pdf))
- The University's policy on Academic Integrity can be found here:  
<http://ctaar.rutgers.edu/integrity/policy.html>

**Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Homework Exercises</b>	<b>Reading<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>Topics</b>
<i>Week 1</i> 05.27 05.28 05.29	HW1 Out	— — §1.0-1.7, 2.0-2.2	<i>Introduction &amp; Morphology</i> <i>Class Canceled</i> Introduction Morphology
<i>Week 2</i> 06.02 06.03 06.04 06.05	HW1 Due, HW2 Out  HW2 Due, HW3 Out	§2.3-2.6 §2.7-2.11 §3.0-3.2.3 §3.2.4-3.2.7	<i>Morphology &amp; Syntax</i> Morphology Morphology Syntax Syntax
<i>Week 3</i> 06.09 06.10 06.11 06.12	HW3 Due, HW4 Out  HW4 Due, HW5 Out	§3.3 §6.0-6.6 — —	<i>Syntax &amp; Semantics</i> Syntax Syntax & Acquisition <b>Exam 1</b> Semantics
<i>Week 4</i> 06.16 06.17 06.18 06.19	HW5 Due, HW6 Out  HW6 Due, HW7 Out	§7.0-7.6 §8.0-8.2 §8.3-8.5 §10.0-10.10,10.12	<i>Semantics</i> Semantics Semantics Semantics Semantics & Acquisition
<i>Week 5</i> 06.23 06.24 06.25 06.26	HW7 Due, HW8 Out  HW8 Due, HW9 Out	— §11.0-11.2 §11.3-11.5 §12.0-12.3	<i>Phonetics &amp; Phonology</i> <b>Exam 2</b> Phonetics Phonetics Phonology
<i>Week 6</i> 06.30 07.01 07.02 07.03	HW9 Due, HW10 Out  HW10 Due	§12.4-12.11 §12.12-13.2 §15.0-15.4 —	<i>Phonology</i> Phonology Phonology Phonology & Acquisition <b>Exam 3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Scheduled readings are to be completed by the listed day.

<sup>2</sup> A '—' indicates that no reading is due for the listed day.