LING 3060: Principles in the Study of Language

Course Description and goals:

This course is an introduction to linguistics, the scientific study of language. Our goals include the following:

• Understand what linguistics is and how linguists approach the study of language
• Understand the nature of speech sounds, how they are produced, and how to describe them
• Understand the core principles of phonology and in particular how native language phonology affects learning of new languages
• Understand the core principles of morphology and how words can be broken down into their parts
• Understand the core principles of syntax and the role of structure in language
• Learn the main theories of language acquisition and the steps that children take in acquiring language
• Learn about language variation, factors leading to variation, and begin to understand the complex relationship between language and identity

Textbooks:

1. Required: Language Files: Materials for an Introduction to Language and Linguistics, The Ohio State University, 12th Edition

Class communications – Canvas, Canvas, Canvas

1. All class communications will happen via Canvas. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY INFORMED – check Canvas at least every weekday. You can also use Canvas to ask questions, discuss the readings, stay in touch with your classmates, share interesting things you find online, etc.

2. All assignments will be posted on Canvas, with all the details you need to complete them. Instructions for turning in assignments appear below.

3. Course schedule: The course schedule will live in a shared Google spreadsheet, which you can access through the Canvas site. This schedule may change from time to time – IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR THE COURSE SCHEDULE AS WELL.

Submitting assignments

Assignments are due at the start of class on the day they are due, in hard copy. Bring your hard copies to class (can be printed or handwritten), as some questions will be discussed during class. Late assignments will not be accepted without prior notice. If you let us know ahead of time, though, we are open to granting extensions.
Tests

Make-up tests will be given only in cases of serious illness or other emergencies, and only if you are able to provide documentation.

Attendance & Participation

Attendance is REQUIRED, but each student can have two free absences, no need to explain, just let us know in advance. If a situation develops such that you will need to miss more class than this, please make an appointment to discuss this with me in person, or email me if in-person isn’t possible.

Course credit requirements and grading

1. 45% - Three tests (15% each)
2. 30% - 10 homework assignments (3% each)
3. 20% - Final project and presentation
4. 5% - Attendance and participation

Schedule:
The schedule can be found both on Canvas and in detail here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jMzk5Ul9df8IqwUwGXg1nz2yzPa-oMa16BoJ-gOq4/edit?usp=sharing

Late assignments:
Late assignments will not be accepted, unless you've made prior arrangements with me.

Class behavior (University policy)

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr

Academic Integrity

Please make sure that all the work you submit in this course is your own!!!
It is your responsibility to know the definitions and consequences of plagiarism, cheating etc. as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline, available in the Undergraduate Catalog and online at http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=244#Student_Standards_of_Academic_Integrity

Disability Accommodation Statement

“The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each
class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.”

Students with any special needs or disabilities (including learning disabilities) should inform me of their needs as soon as possible so that proper accommodations can be made.

**SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, & ASSAULT**

UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT’s Dean of Students’ website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: [http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0](http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0). Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT’s Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students’ office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.