Ling 3060.805  
Principles of Language Study  
Instructor: Katie Crowder  
Grader/TA: Kristin Butts  
Meeting Time: online  
Meeting Place: online

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**  
This is an introductory linguistics course that focuses on the structure of language: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, language acquisition, language variation and language change. You will also learn how to apply what you learn about language structure to analyze language data from English and other languages of the world.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**  
The overall objective of this course is to create awareness and build a knowledge base about language in order to apply it in the field of education, technical communication, foreign language study, and future linguistics study. This knowledge and awareness will enable us to be catalysts for positive change.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Check announcements and Blackboard email every time you log in for information about:  
- Unit release dates  
- Quiz and test dates  
- Due dates for discussion postings  
- Schedule changes

**Note 1:** There is no required textbook for this class; all content is in the course.  
**Note 2:** Please download the Blackboard IM app, so we can chat online.  
**Note 3:** Students must either possess or quickly learn the technology required to navigate this 100% online course.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**  
Final grades will be determined according to the following distribution:

Quizzes/Tests:  
80%  
Discussions:  
20%
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<th>Topic</th>
<th>Open date</th>
<th>Quizzes ** (available dates)</th>
<th>Discussion Postings * (deadlines)</th>
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<td>Start Here</td>
<td>Jan. 13</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>1/19: Introduce yourself (0 pts)</td>
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<td>Unit 1: The Study of Language</td>
<td>Jan. 13</td>
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<td>1/22: Knowing a language: What does it mean to know a language? (10 pts)</td>
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<td>Unit 2: Phonetics</td>
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<td>1/24-1/27: Quiz 1 (100 pts)</td>
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<td>Unit 3: Phonology</td>
<td>Feb. 6</td>
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<td>Unit 4: Morphology</td>
<td>Feb. 10</td>
<td>2/17-2/19: Quiz 1 (100 pts)</td>
<td>3/1: Acronyms, Eponyms, Brand Name to Generic: Collect and post original examples (10 pts)</td>
<td>3/3-3/5: Morphology test (100 pts)</td>
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<td>Unit 5: Syntax</td>
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<td>Unit 6: Language Acquisition</td>
<td>Mar. 27</td>
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<td>4/1-4/7: Language Acquisition Test (supplement; not built into course) (100 pts)</td>
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<td>Unit 7: Language Change</td>
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<td>4/19: All Living Human Languages Change over Time: Reasons for language change (10 pts)</td>
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<td>Unit 8: Language Variation</td>
<td>Apr. 21</td>
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<td>5/1: Language Attitudes: mini language attitude survey (10 pts)</td>
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You are **only** responsible for the discussions on this Daily Plan. Discussions open on the same day as their respective unit. Discussion postings are due at 11:59 pm on the first date indicated. You are required to post your original thoughts as well as a substantive response to at least two other group members. Please see *How to Participate in a Discussion* for further directions. Further, **there are no discussion group leaders.** Please disregard the group leader information in the instructions.

**All quizzes and tests are available from 12:01 am of the first availability date to 11:59 pm of the last availability date.**

**FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT THE CITC STUDENT HELP DESK:**

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**Acceptable Student Behavior:**

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](http://www.unt.edu/csrr)

I. The Linguistics and Technical Communications Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability, which requires accommodation under the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please provide your request by email within the first week.

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opportunities enjoyed by all citizens."

II. You must inform either the professor or the teaching assistant in advance of any circumstance that will cause you to miss a scheduled quiz date and/or time. There will be no make-up quizzes/tests except under extreme circumstances.

III. Each student is expected to do his or her own work. This is important when working on group projects, when citing research for assignments, when posting to discussions, or when answering test questions. Plagiarism and cheating - academic dishonesty - are serious offenses and will not be tolerated in this class. Students who plagiarize or cheat will be referred to the office of the provost and will receive a failing grade in the class. For more information on the university’s policy on academic dishonesty please consult the UNT Code of Student Conduct and Discipline at [http://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2004-05/upolicies.html](http://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2004-05/upolicies.html).

IV. Drop Information [http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/scheduleclass.html](http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/scheduleclass.html)