

COURSE SYLLABUS FORMAT
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of English

Course No. TL648

Title of Course: Foundation of Linguistics

New: X

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course

A foundation course which uses Chomsky's generative paradigm to provide students with the skills needed to conduct basic linguistic analysis. Primary focus will be linguistic analysis, particularly in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. An on-campus course, which is also offered as a multimedia online course. Computer literacy and email access required. 3 credit hours.

II. Prerequisite(s): None

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course

- To acquire the skills needed to analyze the underlying structures of language.
- To acquire the basic terminology of linguistics to describe language phenomena.
- To learn how to conduct a data-based field project and to choose an appropriate methodology for the topic.
- To address methodological concerns and relationships between linguistics and related disciplines such as TESOL, ESL, literature, or composition.

IV. Expectations of Students

- Participation, discussion, & contribution: Students are expected to finish the weekly reading assignments and actively participate discussions, either in-class or by online forum. In addition, hands-on exercises will be provided in a workshop format to enable students to grasp the basic tenets of phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax @ 100 pts.
- Three unit tests @ 30 pts. each
- Mid-term and final examination: For the mid-term students are expected to satisfactorily complete an applications' test on phonetic transcription, syntactic and morphological analysis, along with pertinent linguistic vocabulary terms; material for the final exam will be in essay form, focusing on semantics, pragmatics, language change, and language variation @ 100 each
- Participation in four online asynchronous forum assignments based on research articles which promote an understanding of the nature of language @ 50 pts. each
- Linguistics data-based field project @ 100 pts.

V. Course Content or Outline

Introduction to the field of linguistics, an overview	3
Morphology	6
Phonetics, Phonemics, and Phonology	6
Language Change	3
Syntax	9
Semantics as Part of Grammar	6
Pragmatics	6
Language Variation	6

VI. Textbooks

Akmajian, Adrian, et. al. *Linguistics: An Introduction to Language and Communication*. Fifth Ed. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press, 2001. ISBN: 0-262-51123-1

Farmer, Ann and Demers, Richard. *A Linguistics Workbook*. Fourth Ed. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press, 2001. ISBN: 0-262-56143-3

VI. Basis for Student Evaluation

Three unit tests @ 30 each	90
Mid-term examination	100
Four online forum assignments @ 50 each	200
Data-Based Field Project	100
Participation	100
Final examination	100
Total	690

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