

UE INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (PART A)

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Class Time and Room:	Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., KG B 005
Overview:	Each session of the Introduction to Linguistics will be dedicated to a major branch of linguistics. In each session, a team of students will be responsible either for practising knowledge of the preceding session (20-25 min., about 3 tasks: reproduction, transfer, further-reaching task) or for introducing a topic. Each session can be revised at home with Herbst/Stoll/Westermayr 1991 (also basic for the <i>Staatsexamen</i> : the paragraphs that we will distribute over the single sessions are: 117, 119, 202, 203, 204, 210, 214, 215, 221, 225, 232, 236, 237, 301, 302, 307, 308, 311, 312, 315, 316, 318, 408, 419, 439, 444 [first half-page], 448, 453, 503, 504, 506, 507, 509, 514, 515, 516, 522, 524, 525, 526, 601, 602, 606, 607, 608, 613, 615, 616, 701, 705, 707, 708, 709, 710, 713, 714, 715, 716, 718, 719, 720, 721, 801, 802, 804, 807, 809, 820, 821, 825, 904). We will also notify you of additional material for preparing a session.
Credit:	You will be given credit for passing the exam in the 2nd-to-last session. You are not allowed to be absent from class more than twice. The introduction is just a pass/fail course, but we will give you an information grade. We advise you to take this course—probably the most difficult course within linguistics—serious, to get realistic feedback.

SYLLABUS

21 Oct	varia; general introduction to the discipline of linguistics
28 Oct	lexicology: the study of words; semantics: the study of meaning
04 Nov	lexicology/semantics (cont'd); morphology: the study of word-elements
11 Nov	morphology (cont'd); syntax: the study of sentence structure
18 Nov	syntax (cont'd); phonology: the study of sound units
25 Nov	phonology (cont'd); pragmatics and text linguistics: the study of text structure
02 Dec	variational linguistics: the study of geographical, social and stylistic language varieties
09 Dec	variational linguistics (cont'd), optional topic I
16 Dec	diachronic linguistics: the study of language history; library homework due!
23 Dec	language, thought and culture, optional topic II
13 Jan	optional topic III
20 Jan	gen'l revision
27 Jan	final exam
03 Feb	exam review

N.B.: Recommended books and extra copies of our hand-outs will be put on a reserve shelf for all three groups of the Intro course on the upper floor of the central library (#9) .