LING 200 Syllabus and Schedule

Instructor information
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Class time and location
2:00PM – 3:20, Monday–Friday
Room 0103, Francis Scott Key Hall

Lecture format
Class on Monday–Thursday will mostly be in an informal lecture format. However, there will be in-class exercises, and since we have a small class, you are encouraged to ask questions at any point. Friday will be more exercise/discussion–based. There will be practice exercises set every Monday to be handed in at the beginning of class every Friday.

Course website
The course website is at: http://ling.umd.edu/~alexd/ling200
Homeworks and practice exercises will be posted on this website.

Office hours
12:30–1:30 Tuesday and Thursday.

Readings
• Required textbook:
• Other readings will be posted on the course website or handed out in class.

Homeworks, quizzes and practice exercises
Practice exercises will be set each Monday and due on the corresponding Friday (with the exception of the first practice exercise, which will be set on the second day of the course, a Tuesday). Practice exercises are graded on effort, and will count towards your course participation grade.

There will be four homeworks set at various points in the course (see schedule below).
There will also be two in-class quizzes around 15 minutes in duration.

**Breakdown of final grade**

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<td>Homeworks (3)</td>
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<td>Practice Exercises and course participation</td>
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<td>Quizzes (2)</td>
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<td>Exam 2 (final)</td>
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<td>Experimental requirement</td>
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You must complete an experiment to pass the course; however, the experiment itself does not contribute to your grade.

**Grading scale**

- ≥ 98 .............................................. A+
- 93–97 ............................................. A
- 90–92 ............................................. A−
- 87–89 ............................................. B+
- 83–86 ............................................. B
- 80–82 ............................................. B−
- 77–79 ............................................. C+
- 73–76 ............................................. C
- 70–72 ............................................. C−
- 67–69 ............................................. D+
- 63–66 ............................................. D
- 60–62 ............................................. D−
- ≤ 59 ............................................. F

**Student responsibilities and evaluation**

You are expected to take responsibility for your own learning. (The instructor’s job is to facilitate the learning process and provide you with information and resources.)

**Attend class**

Attendance is crucial to success in this class. You will be responsible for all the material covered in class as well as in the book and readings. There are, of course, good excuses for missing class, i.e., illness (verified by a doctor’s note), a death in your family (verified by an obituary or death notice), or a religious observance. Please see more on the Attendance Policy below.

**Homeworks**
You will have a total of 4 homework assignments. You will generally have 3–5 days from the time a homework is assigned until the time that it is due. Homeworks are due at the beginning of the class period on the due date and should be typed (except for trees and phonetic symbols) and stapled. Homeworks received after the first 10 minutes of class will be considered late and will receive a 10% deduction in grade. (Do NOT miss class to finish a homework! It will be late in any case. So, come to class and finish the homework after class and turn it in as soon as possible.)

**Practice exercises**
In addition to the homeworks, you will have weekly exercises (a mix of problem sets and thought questions) so that you can practice the skills being taught in the class. Practice exercises will be handed in at the beginning of class each Friday, and they will be graded (mainly for effort) at 2, 1, or 0 points.

**Attendance Policy**

**Religious holidays**
The University of Maryland provides that students should not be penalized because of observances of their religious beliefs. Students shall be given an opportunity, whenever feasible, to make up within a reasonable time any academic assignment that is missed due to individual participation in religious observances. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor and TA well in advance of any intended absences for religious observances. Accommodations will be made only in case the student informs the instructor and TA at least one week before the absence.

**Academic honesty**
I will follow the University’s policies on academic honesty and will report any form of cheating according to these policies. Please review the terms and penalties of the Student Honor Council’s Code of Academic Integrity at: [http://www.shc.umd.edu/code.html](http://www.shc.umd.edu/code.html) According to this code, plagiarism is defined as “intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise.” This is regarded as a form of academic dishonesty and suspected cases of plagiarism will be referred to the Honor Council for subsequent action. The grade of XF is listed on the transcripts of individuals found to have plagiarized work; this grade means that the grade of F was received because of academic dishonesty. In accord with the Code, students will be required to write and sign the following statement on each exam and assignment: I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).
To be clear:
You must write up and complete all work by yourself and in your own words. It is not acceptable for two students to work together to come up with the answers for homework questions or practice exercises, etc. Any idea or information that is not cited is assumed to be your original contribution; otherwise it is plagiarism. Plagiarized material will not be accepted for credit. If I discover that two assignments have significant portions of identical material, I will assign a grade of “0” to both assignments and the case may be reported to the Honor Council. If you are having trouble with class material, you need to seek help from me well before exams or assignment deadlines.
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