306A Introduction to Linguistics

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kʰoːrs əpʰtêmij An introduction to generative linguistics.

Linguistics is a science, very different in its approach to language from the literary and rhetorical approaches with which you may be familiar. You will have to learn to see language abstractly, like a geologist looks at rocks and an astronomer looks at stars. You will need a new vocabulary and a new set of tools. Please do not fall behind: since everything will be relatively new and since everything builds on everything else, this is not the sort of course where you can coast along until the night before the exams.

rijkwaĵd tekst O’Grady and Dobrovolsky, Contemporary linguistic analysis Third edition.

rijkwaĵmênts Midterm I (14 Oct) 20%
Midterm II (4 Nov) 30%
Final (whenever they tell us) 50%

nowt English 306A is a required course in the Cognitive Science option.
Please have the required readings done **BEFORE** class, and read them **AGAIN** after class, and, if you're not clear about something, **ASK**.

Familiarize yourself with **POLICY #71**, particularly with regard to **PLAGIARISM** and other forms of **CHEATING**.

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1 At some point in the term, probably towards the end (in the syntax or semantics section) we may have a guest lecturer on Language Acquisition.