English

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306A  Introduction to Linguistics
09:30-10:20 MWF PAS 1229

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We study the elements necessary to know and use a language: the sounds, the words, the way words group together, and how those word groups fit into a web of meaning. That's a lot just to get someone to pass you the salt or agree that the Leafs sucked last night, but you deploy those systems effortlessly every day. What's more, you know them pretty much the way you know how to breathe or swallow or ride a bike: at a below-the-surface level. At the surface, you don't know which of your consonants resonate out your nose, but you know it, because you always send the right ones out the nose. In this course, we're going to drag that knowledge to the surface, kicking and screaming.

Midterm I (3 October) 20%
Midterm II (7 November) 30%
Final (whenever they tell us) 50%


English 306A is a required course in the Cognitive Science option.

Please have the required readings done before class, and be prepared to read them again after class, and, if you're not clear about something, ASK.

The textbook will be supplemented very regularly with concepts and examples, and the lectures have a strongly cumulative structure. It is, therefore, not a very good idea to miss class.

Familiarize yourself with policy #71, particularly with regard to plagiarism and other forms of cheating.

Course links and downloads

Answers to the textbook exercises here

A FAQ for 306A-F02
Word Categories.pdf
English Inflectional Morphemes.pdf
Forms of English be and pronouns.pdf
Klingon.pdf
Laadan.pdf

Linguistics sites

Fields of linguistics
Linguistic Society of America FAQ
LINGUIST list site

http://www.arts.uwaterloo.ca/~raha/306a_web/306AF03body.html 08/09/2003
Cognitive linguistic sites

- Cognitive linguistics, the journal
- Cognitive and functional linguistics page
- Karen van Hoek's article on Cognitive Linguistics
- Bert Peeters's article on Cognitive Linguistics
- Marjolijn Verspoor's home page

Language pages

- Klingon language page
- I love languages page (formerly the Human languages page)

Phonetics and Phonology sites

- International Phonetics Association
- Interactive phonemic lessons
- IPA Help
- Get the IPA font here

Writing systems

- Hieroglyphics
- Evolution of alphabets

Miscellaneous

- Online english grammar
- Glossary of linguistics terms

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