ENGLISH 306A - INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (Winter 1992)

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This section of English 306A aims to introduce students to a selection of the basic conceptual foundations of structural (and generative-transformational) linguistics. To achieve this goal, we will examine the subfields of morphology, phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics. Our study will offer students an appreciation of structural methods of describing and analyzing human language. Though it would be far too ambitious to thoroughly achieve this additional goal in an introduction, we will nonetheless strive to appreciate the ways structural linguists argue and justify their hypotheses.

GRADES/ REQUIREMENTS
40% Exam I
40% Exam II
20% Exercises/ Participation/ Attendance

Scheduled for February 26, Exam I will be based on the chapters dealing with morphology, phonetics, and phonology. The date of which to be announced, Exam II will cover the material in the chapters on syntax and semantics.

Since half of our class time will be spent discussing the exercises at the end of each chapter, your regular attendance and contributions are encouraged.

SCHEDULE
JAN.  8  Introduction
      15  Ch. 1 (What is Linguistics?); Ch. 2 (Morphology)
      22  Ch. 2 Exercises
      29  Ch. 3 (Phonetics)
FEB.  5  Ch. 3 Exercises
     12  Ch. 4 (Phonology); Exercises
     17  NO CLASS
     26  Exam I
MAR.  4  Ch. 5 (Syntax)
      11  Ch. 5 Exercises
      18  Ch. 6 (Semantics)
      25  Ch. 6 Exercises
APR.  1  Exam II